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Hill finds winning world formula at last

Richard Williams

Which he endured the most public sacking T THE end of a season in since Margaret Thatcher's eviction from Downing Street, Damon Hill yesterday followed his late father into the record book by winning the Formula One drivers' world championship. The 36-year-old Hill secured

the title in the most emphatic manner possible, leading the Japanese grand prix from start to finish. It was his eighth win in the season's 16 races, giving him a 19-point margin over his Williams-Renault team-mate Jacques Villeneuve and putting an end to four years in which his fortunes have fluctuated befortunes have fluctuated be-tween triumph and disaster, with not much in between.

In the preceding two sea-sons he was beaten to the sons he was beaten to the championship by Michael Schumacher, and only a few weeks ago, just as his big lead in this season's championship was starting to dwindle, he suffered a further hlow to his confidence when he learned that his team had engaged another driver to replace him next year.

Two weeks ago Hill an-nounced that he would drive in 1997 for the TWR Arrows-Yamaha team, which has yet to win a race but will pay him

He went into yesterday's final round knowing he needed only one point for the title while the 25-year-old Villeneuve, in his first season in Formula One, needed the 10 victory points plus Hill's failure to finish in the top six.

Both men started from the front row of the grid but Hill got away cleanly while Ville-neuve soun his wheels and had dropped to sixth by the time they reached the first corner. The Canadian had clawed his way back to fourth when, towards the end of the race, his right-hand rear wheel and tyre came off.

After taking the chequered flag. Hill said he would dedicate the race victory — his pits before 21st in 67 starts — to the Williams-Renault team, "but if Georgie.



you don't mind I'll take the championship myself". He had given the car a final ear-bursting blip of the throttle when he returned to the pits before emerging from the cockpit to embrace his wife

"I can hardly wait to get back to my children, but it is especially Georgie I would like to thank for this champions at the championship in 1962 and 1968, but died in a light plane crash near his home at onship," Hill said. "She has been a tremendous strength to me all the time I have been racing in Formula One."

Elstree, Hertfordshire, in 1975, when Damon was 15. His

His father Graham won the | since its inception in 1950. "This is a terrific feeling for me," he said. "It is a tremendous relief to have finally won it after all the anxieties

son becomes the eighth British driver to win the title A place in history, page 16

Defection puts heat on Major

Michael White Political Editor

OHN Major will today face mount-ing political and parliamentary pressure to widen the scope of fresh sleaze-dominated investiga-tions in the wake of the damaging defection of the Inde pendent Conservative MP. Peter Thurnham, to the Liberal Democrats.

The Labour and Liberal Democrat chief whips, Donald Dewar and Archie Kirkwood, will combine forces to urge the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, to ensure that allegations that junior minister David Willetts tried to influence the Commons privileges committee are properly examined along-side unpublished evidence in Neil Hamilton's aborted libel suit against the Guardian.

As MPs headed back to Westminster last night after the summer recess, Mr Thurnham twisted the knife by claiming the Conservative Party chairman, Brian Ma-whinney, had hinted at a knighthood if he behaved himself, a charge which Tory officials denied

"Brian Mawhinney saw me in the lobby and said there could look after people and it was pretty clear this was the kind of thing [a knighthood] that could be discussed. But I said I wasn't interested," Mr Thurnham told reporters.

With last week's Tory con-ference unity looking dis-tinctly ragged, rightwing MP Teresa Gorman denied she was planning to defect to the UK Independence Party, and John Carlile denied plans to defect to Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. Loyalists took their cue from Michael Heseltine's charge of "cynical" manoeuvring by Mr Thurnham

Unabashed, the MP for Bol-ton NE accused Mr Major of making matters worse by "attempting to seek compromise which actually forces the

'Mawhinney said there were ways in which the party could look after people [i.e. a knighthood] but said I wasn't interested'

Peter Thumham

disunity by not adopting a stronger leadership style." He also reiterated his growing dismay at the way minis-ters have handled successive

problems of sleaze or misuse of ministerial power since the Scott and Nolan inquiries prompted him to resign the party whip in February.

At a press conference with

Paddy Ashdown, he said he was disturbed by the allega-tions and "the failure of the Government to have them investigated properly". He will seek an interview to express today. He asked what his constitu-

ents would think had he gone into a store "and signed for goods on someone else's ac-count because I'd asked questions in the House. It's be-yond belief."

Mr Ashdown and Tony

Blair have called for an inde-pendent judicial investigation

wings of the party further | Inquiry Act. They did so on apart. It's actually creating | the grounds that the parliamentary commissioner for standards, Sir Gordon Dow-ney, lacks the power or the staff to resolve the complex-ities of the Hamilton-Guardian controversy or the memo written by Mr Willetts after talking to then chairman of the privileges committee. Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith. Mr Major reacted by prom-

ising Sir Gordon more staff if needed. Today the two chief whips are expected to call for wider powers to allow full investigation.

Two separate issues have force a change, Sir Gordon will examine the Hamilton case under the standards heading and report to the new standards and privileges committee, chaired by the Leader

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Mellor backs total handgun ban Banking secrets

Ministers warned against fudge handguns should be — which handguns should be — which is not. Why bother to have a the security of Britain's handon Cullen's Dunblane report as 'public expect severe action'

Alan Travis and Wichael White

FIE former Tory cabinet minister, David Mellor, today warns the Gov-ernment that the public is expecting severe action following the Dunblane mas-sacre and would not tolerate anything short of a ban on the private ownership of ĥandguns.

There is widespread specu-lation that the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, will stop well short of such a ban when he responds to the official inquiry report into the Dunblane massacre, probably

ent the 57,000 legal handgun owners mostly keep their 220,000 weapons at home. Leg-islation is expected to reach the statute book before

Mr Mellor, a former Home office minister, writing in today's Guardian, says the Government was wrong to waste months by asking a judge to "do their dirty work" in deciding how far the gun control laws should be reformed in the aftermath of Dunblane. That should have been a task the Cabinet em-

barked upon straightaway. "When will they learn not to give politicians' work to lawyers? Even after Scott and Nolan they are incorrigible.

government?" argues Mr Mellor.

Lord Cullen, who conducted the inquiry into the shooting of the 16 school-children and their teacher in March, will hand his final 200-page report to ministers

It will also recommend changes in the law on school security and the vetting of those who work with children.

Mr Mellor says he fears that the stage will be set for "a stitch-up" between the two main parties' front benches, with Labour's George Robert-son describing a ban on home possession of handguns as the party's bottom line. He cites a case last week in

which a gun club safety officer was suspended after am-munition was discovered at This proposal is likely to be that guns will have to be held in secure stores at Britain's 2,000 legal gun clubs. At pres-

The MP for Putney argues that Labour was right to move swiftly into the ground that the Government fool-ishly abandoned and hopes it will not now join Michael Howard in the "muddled middle of the argument He warns that many MPs

guns in future.

will vote for a compromise ac-ceptable to the gun lobby be-cause although the public favours a total ban it will not be the decisive issue, as it will be for gun club members, when they vote.
"We must disabuse our
MPs of that notion," he

Though ministers, officials and Tory staffers spent the weekend telling the media their bottom line is a ban on handguns being held in private homes, they are adaman that they will not know Lord Cullen's verdict until today.

David Meller, page 9

lost in space

Dan Atkinson

RAUDSTERS money-launderers, facing greater scrutiny in traditional offshore havens. will soon be shifting their funds to satellite banks in space, a London University professor has warned.

Ian Angell, of the London School of Economics, said "off-planet banking" is the next technological step. Not only criminals but ordi-

nary people may prefer to bank in space. Once satellite dishes are reduced in size suf-ficiently to allow them to be installed on desk-tops, deposi-tors will be able to stay in con-stant contact with their banks. The banks would be fully automated, and would probably issue their own currencies. No nation would have ju-risdiction over them, although Prof Angell — an

expert on technology and in formation — said attempted reprisals against personnel on Earth would resemble action against pirate radio stations in the 1960s.

But a source at the Bank for International Settlements in Basle, Switzerland — the central bankers' central bank — said the absence of any firm

said the absence of any firm rules or legal foundation for such a bank's operation would discourage its use.

Hitherto, offshore banking centres — usually small, island states — have provided havens for the proceeds of fraud. But in pacent years. fraud. But in recent years, many have bowed to pressure to clean up their acts.

Prof Angell said the offshore phenomenon was an intermediate phase brought about by old technology. Satellite com-munications would allow people to put their funds into orbit, beyond the reach of tax



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Blair takes a fleeting look behind the curtain

If the Labour leader was looking for his South African visit to demonstrate that he is a global leader he was disappointed, but he managed to smile at the babic



Ruaridh Nicoll

ONY Blair couldn't yous. He had just been introduced to a small girl — only minutes old — who had responded to his enthusiastic grin with clenched fists and a face that said volumes about awakening into this world. Now he was facing a blue cur-tain which was about to be torn aside by a keen looking nurse. Behind it, we all knew, could only be the exhausted

The Labour leader looked across the room. Among the small crowd of press and bealth clinic staff stood his

wife, Cherie. From a look it was obvious that she wanted nothing to do with this situation, and so he turned back as the curtain was opened. The rest of us were deprived of the vision which

unfolded beyond, but we could see Blair. His face suddenly collapsed in embarrassment, only to be matched by his fran-tic efforts to get the staff to pull the curtain back while simultaneously smiling and pant disappeared from sight. A man who had been watch-

ing peered at the child and then turned to a friend. "What a way to come into the world," he said. Bambi had arrived in

Blair had flown into a stormy Cape Town on Friday on the rather spurious pretex of giving a speech to an organi-sation called the Commonwealth Press Union. Hardly had he touched the ground be fore he was mugging for the cameras beside Nelson Manlela. In a triumphant 40minute meeting he convinced the president that it would be a grand idea for a team of foot ball players, drawn from Eng land's Premier League, to

wisit South Africa.
The horribly busy Mandela quickly agreed and then handed it on to his heavy smoking minister of sport.

If Blair was looking for pub licity that would show him to be a global statesman be was to be disappointed. One of the most important court cases in South Africa, the trial of the former defence minister, Mag nus Malan, and 15 others

accused of the 1989 massacre of 13 men, women and children in Kwazulu Natal, ended in an acquittal and worldwide headlines which drowned out

his little jaunt.
A trip to a wine bar in a suburb nicknamed Little Islington by the locals was practically ignored. But despite all, Blair

crashed on with his schedule side-stepping the trauma of a strike by South African Airline's ground crew to arrive in Joburg for a lunchtime brazi (or barbecue) on Saturday followed by a trip to the most convenient local hellhole.

Alexandra, called Alexandria by the dark forces travelling with Blair, is the most violent and frightening of the former townships in or near ohannesburg. It is also hard by Sandton.

one of the richest neighbourhoods in the city, which meant it was only 10 minutes from the plush Sandton Sun Hotel, where the party was staying. Blair's arrival outside the

brightly coloured buildings of the Alexandra Health Clinic was preceded by a hard-core group of heavies belonging to the Gauteng state premier, Toyko Sexwale.

They leapt from the car shoving walkie-talkies into their belts and dispersing among the little reception.



many of whom presumably had sworn the Hippocratic Oath.

Blair emerged, hand al-ready shaking, and was led into the building. He sat down with one of the workers and asked what the biggest prob-lem they faced here was. She

didn't understand. Blair tried again. "Sexually transmitted diseases," she said hopefully. The British Aid Project which was operating at the clinic seemed full of nice middle-class ladies who fus over Cherie. "Oh, where is Mrs Blair?" asked one, panick

ing. "Oh, over there," said another. "Oh, I thought we'd lost her," said the first which resulted in a group giggle.

Sir Anthony Reeve, the out going British High Commissloner, followed the party wearing a sporty blazer and looking bored. "So you must

be nearly packed up?" I asked conversationally. "Are you looking for a domestic angle?" he replied, cold eyes flashing. Reeve is a brilliant diplomat but he hates this sort of thing. The clinic, right on the edge of Alexandra, has to deal with

the hrunt of poverty and sex. Many of the women who sat around had just given birth and were preparing to return to the shanty buts with their newborn. Blair looked in on a couple of children who were jaundiced and then came outside and sat beside one of the

She, of course, had no idea who this smiley man was and Blair's questions were greeted with incomprehension. Realising he was not getting far, the opposition leader stood up again and wandered off. The mother quickly looked into the tiny cubicle to make sure he hadn't stolen her child. While Cherie was telling the

staff that things were not much better in Britain, the acks were asking Blair's staff if it was really true that the party would be taking a trip hrough the township its This was exciting stuff few white Joburgers ever enter the place and reporters go there only when absolutely Blair would go in but the car would not stop. The cameraEase ging into the all group began to assemble around a beaten up infal In stepped Blair, crushes among the clinic's state. minders gamed the eag their BMWs. The report the convoy moved out. It turned along the edge of the township and then passed! along a dusty track which that runs the length of the

Widow's

Ulster

shanty town. Hazard lights began to flash, horns to sound, and like s squadron taking of from an aircraft carrier about 10 cars accelerated quickly down the

One of the things about townships is that pedestrians refuse to be cowed by cars. and so there was general out-rage as this blaring, flashing ss screamed past. The people who were forced to lea to safety looking shocked in the rising dust. It was begin-ning to look as if the minders were trying to drum up busi ness for the clinic. The desolation of the bro-

ken huts, the grim blocks that used to house the migrant labourers, and a well attended game of soccer all passed in a lash. But Tony had done it and made it through safely Who could argue that this man does not have the com-

Loaves, fishes and discount beans on offer at supermarket

Tesco's Sunday school special

stocked with bread and wine. They have no problems with Sunday atendance and they unite families in a common

It was surely inevitable that supermarkets would eventually offer religious instruction as well as discount tins of baked beans.

Giving a new meaning to the phrase customer service, 25 Kent children yesterday attended a Sunday school at the local Tesco. 'If people aren't going to go to church, we need to bring church to where people are," said Captain David Ramsay of the Salvation Army, which is organising the initiative at Grove Green, Maidstone, Kent. The hour-long service offers a truce between God

and Mammon. Captain Ramsay said: "It is not so much a contradic-

tion as a partnership. "We are about family. We are interested in reviving the profile of family. Super-markets are about families too. They bring families to

Endorsing Sunday trading by having a religious service in a store may ofthough the Salvation Army has a tradition of going to where people are rather than waiting for them to

come.
"We oppose Sunday trading." said Captain Ramsay. "However, the realism is that Sunday trading is here to stay. There is nothing I can do as an individual about that, but at least I can get alongside some o the people and bring them Gospel. There is no point in burying our

Andrew Coker, Tesco corporate communications manager, said the idea was ed at its annual meet and approached the store.

Review

Egri's Court

Adam Sweeting

LTHOUGH they have become one of the most

enormous acts on the planet

trampling all records for

album sales and concert

managed to cling to their

have risen from cult status

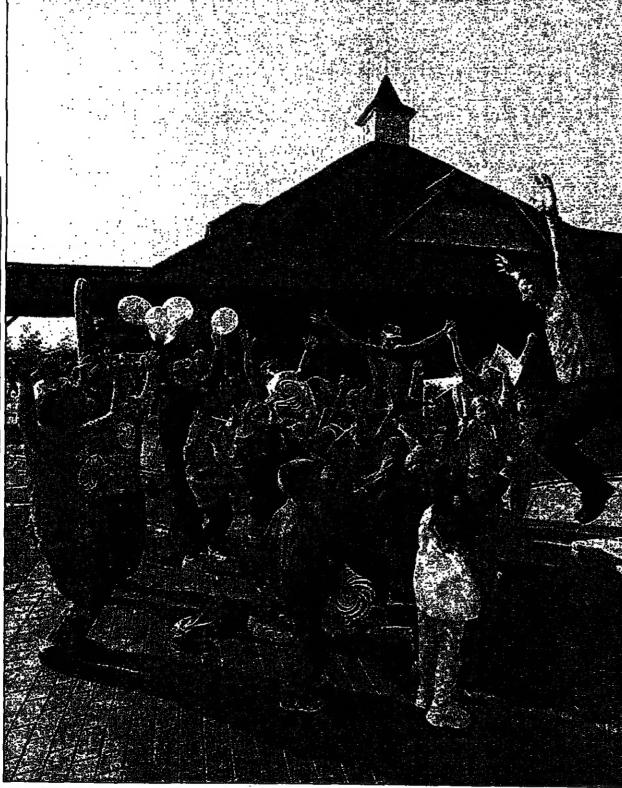
label, and helped to invent

with the Music For Nations

that most user-unfriendly of

In their 15-year career, they

underground roots.



Bill Heeley leading a group of children in Sunday school activities in Maidstone, Kent

people and they don't think there is anything irreligious about it. For us it is a mooted at its annual meeting in June. A Salvation tomer choice. If it is a success we would hope to do it

process, they have built their fan-base from the ground

upwards, relying on remorse less touring and shattering

They have learned a thing

or two from touring the hyper domes of their American

overcome the yawning gulf between the band and the fans

at outsized gigs, Metallica invented the "Snake Pit", an

on-stage enclosure in which

punters could slam-dance within feet of the musicians.

This time, they are introduc-

ing a complicated sound-and-

separate stages in the centre of

lights concept. Split into two

decibels rather than flashy videos or calculated hit

homeland. In an effort to

were using the opportunity

for an indulgent shop.

"We've just spent more than we would have normally," said John and

the auditorium, it allows them to pop up at all points of the compass to address different

Even drummer Lars Ulrich has two kits to choose from.

Just throw in a barrage of flash-bombs and flames shoot

ing up through the stage, plus steel lighting-gantries that

look like carnivorous insects about to prey on the band

members, and you could almost forget you were in gruesome Earls Court — the venue from hell

But the gadgetry is window dressing. If there's a simple reason for Metallica's mas-

themselves. The bigger they

have grown, the more stub-

sive success, it's that they have remained resolutely

ections of the crowd.

It is also about good marketing. Parents taking pick up their daughter Satheir children to the service manths.

bornly defiant they have become. For this big London appearance, singer-

gwriter-guitarist James

wealthiest rock'n'rollers—
took the stage in scruffy black
jeans and biker boots, spattered with mud.

With his moustache and feral leer, Hetfield looks like

the kind of guy who gets up at dawn to hunt his own break-

fast with a Bowie knife. Metallica are classic mis-

fits, and their pulverising

chords and anguished, semi-literate lyrics are their

material (relatively speaking)

revenge on a world that wished they'd go away. In their two-hours-plus

Hetfield - one of the world's

He said the idea was a good one. The supermarket was closer than the church

of credibility. "I don't think you'd get my daugh-ter sitting in some cold dark church hall on a Sun-

from their last two discs is mixed up with the traumatic

time changes and whiplash riffing from early albums such

as Kill 'Em All and Ride the

as Kill Em All and Alle Lightning.
Lightning.
If Hetfield indulges in something ballady like Nothing
Else Matters, there's always a
payoff in megawattage from
guitarist Kirk Hammett and
scowling bassist Jason
Nowsted.

The fake "emergency" at the end of Enter Sandman was

a crass miscalculation — with roadies pretending to fall out

stuntman running across the

of the rafters and a blazing

stage. But poor taste is the least of Metallica's worries.

Theirs is a noise that echoes

day morning. But to come to Tesco's and stand around the shop is something different."

ing for stoppages, the Social-ist Party has appointed Har-lem Désir, a former anti-Classic metal misfits spit out decibels of defiance at the venue from hell

Cracks emerge in **Major's Euro truce**

OHN Major's achieve ment in securing unity on Europe at last week's Conservative Party conference came under immediate strain yesterday when Sir Teddy Taylor, the veteran anti-European MP, described Sir James Gold-"a bright new party" which could be "vary significant". Like his fellow Eurosceptic MP, John Redwood, last week, vote for Sir James. But he revealed a divided loyalty: "I'm almost terrified of getting in the position of being the next newspaper headine, of saying, Tory MP says vote

against my colleague "I don't want to get involved in that, but it's up to every voter to do what they think is right."

Speaking on BBC1's On the Record, Sir Teddy — an anti-European for 30 years and MP for Southend East — contradicted the official line when he predicted that Str James's party could do well.
"If you have a bright new

To the suggestion that he was trying to buy power, Sir-James replied: "Who for? Not

party with a new idea which is significant and important, utes. Who am I trying to buy my feeling is that, as the elec power for if I'm trying to put it could go 'zoom'. It could have lift-off and be very sig-nificant indeed." He hoped its money in? For you, to be able to vote on whether or not your nation continues." After Mr Major's success in

impact would persuade both sides to size a referendum. On the same programme Sir James said Michael Hesel tine's jibe — that he could help elect Labour and then "trivial point". As to spending his way to power, "the fundamental question, if you anslyse it, is: am I using my democratic process? The answer is exactly the opposite.
"The European Commission spends over £200 million

per annum in propaganda so as to bend the democratic process. It is pure propaganda. It has stifled the debate in the country so that we were giving up our sovereignty by default without a debate. Now, it needed a man with money to be able not to level the playing field but to start to put some balance into it."

have a referendum. The party will dissolve. It's in the stat-

pulling his party behind the Cabinet's compromise over a sion until after the General Election — MPs and activists are watching to see if the Reports that he had told those urging him to appear bewill please the sceptics. Sir James's party conference in Brighton next week will in oints system to decide which Such talk will reinforce claims that Sir James's is not a political party but a rich man's whim, despite his description of it as a party of free spirits, a large number of free men and women, a multiplicity of views"....

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France again faces winter of discontent over job cuts

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

RANCE braced itself for a harsh winter of industrial discontent yesterday, with 20,000 workers from armaments industries marching through Paris over the week-end in advance of crippling strikes planned for Thursday Yesterday's march — which echoed last year's industrial strife — crammed the streets of the capital. The marchers were protesting against gov-

ernment proposals to close arms factories and shippards. Thursday's planned action cross France is backed by civil servants, transport workers, defence industry workers and doctors. With 10 trade unions call-

racism campaigner, to co-ordinate "social action". He said: "The anger is just as strong as it was in November and December last year. Even though the economic

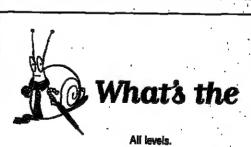
climate is poor, workers are not resigned to accepting it."

The public sector is critical of continued plans for job cuts as France's prime minister.
Alain Juppe, attempts to
streamline public spending
and cut the deficit ahead of European monetary union. While planned defence cuts

are expected to cause 70,000 lay-offs over the next four years, the growing protest movement by armaments vorkers has gone largely unnoticed, having been limited to provincial towns.

Many observers believe that the poor health of France's economy, including 125 per cent unemployment militates against mass action.

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iness class.

From the perspective of the 1990s, it seems mind-boggling that schoolmasters would happily bus a gaggle of adolescent males to see a show that proposed rape as a lark.

Comedy:

W Stephen Gilbert on Lock Up Your Daughters

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starting work again soon."

Actress Barbara Windsor mourned her as "one of the the shoes and work up."

The shadow of the gunmen



'I can't see what more deaths are going to achieve apart from wrecking lives and leaving children without fathers'

Widow's plea for peace to the men of war in Ulster

David Sharrock freland Correspondent

SADIE McGoldrick is rocking her to-day-old baby in a living room festooned with congratulations cards, flowers and balloons. It should be a time of pure joy, but there is a devas-tating emptiness. "It's just like turning the clock back because he looks so like Michael," she whispers. Four months ago Michael McGoldrick was murdered by

McGoldrick was murdered by loyalist paramilitaries in the most callous of circumstances. Drumcree fever was rising and he was a Catholic taxi driver chosen at random to be killed, apparently to make the brutal point that Or-

angemen have the right to walk wherever they want.

The main loyalist groups denied responsibility, and their ceasefire held. But the UVF in Beifast expelled a number of members in Portadown, the town near Lurgan where Mr McGoldrick, his pregnant wife Sadie and their seven-year-old daughter, Emma, lived. The family is still there, mi-

nus the husband and father, a terrible reminder of the horror and grief which awaits every household in Northern reland if the men of war choose to pitch the province back into full-scale violence. Sadie has her small bundle

of consolation: Andrew Michael. "Those were the names his daddy picked." says Sadie. "He said there were too many Michael McGoldricks already and then Andrew is the patron

Michael was born and raised in Glasgow's Gorbals and met Sadie in Lurgan 12 years ago on one of his fre-quent family visits to Ulster. When they married and de-cided to settle in Northern

HE worldwide increase

ing a "public health problem

of potentially crisis propor-tions", doctors from more

than 60 countries will hear

A meeting of the World

Medical Association is to dis-cuss limiting the availability of antibiotics to counter the

growing problem of resistant

"superbugs". The problem stems from

over-prescribing antibiotics, their widespread use in farm-

ing as feed additives to ensure

By Victoria Clark

day aged 76.

animals gain weight, and

NE of Britain's finest and most versatile ac-tresses. Beryl Reid,

died in hospital early yester-

A victim of osteoporosis, she had recently undergone an operation on her knees but

contracted pneumonia a week

later. Robert Luff, her agent

for 30 years, said: "She had been recovering well since the operation about a month ago. I was hoping she'd be starting work again soon."

in human resistance to antibiotic drugs is caus-

Helen Nowicka

nally from there, decided to follow them back.

studying English and politics at Queens University in Bel-

Then it happened, one Sun-day evening in Lurgan. He only worked weekends as a taxi driver and was on the point of giving it up, worried

night.
The week before he died

the Sunday dinner table had been dominated by Michael's promise to take Emma to see Walt Disney's Hunchback of Notre Dame.

her spare change for the trip, labelled "Emma's Disney

away.
"I was always worried about him but he never was. He'd say 'sure, who'd want to hurt a big daft Scotch fella?"

the police found him . . .
"I knew something had happened and my blood sort of ran cold. When I finally got the confirmation at 9am in-

In a motion to be debated at

the WMA conference in South

Africa, the American Medical

Association calls for research

into the use of the drugs and

for wider public education about their effects. The World

Health Organisation and indi-

vidual governments are asked

to take a more active monitor-

ing role.

The paper is supported by the British Medical Associa-

tion, whose chairman, Dr

Sandy Macara, described the

growing resistance as "a hell-

ish problem. There is a real

prospect that the majority of

our antibiotics could become

greatest and the best," and ac-tor Ian Bannen, who worked with her on the TV version of

Tinker. Tailor, Soldier, Spy, remembered her as "absolutely wonderful but the only thing she couldn't do was

read — she was dyslexic".

Reid, the daughter of plainspeaking Scottish parents, attributed her hugely success-

ful six-decade career to a simple principle: "I've got only one method as an actress

and that's to try and make things a little bit more accu-

rate than anyone else."

They were happy. Michael fast planning a new career as a teacher. They were happier still when Sadie fell pregnant again this year. "Michael al-ways said a boy would be the icing on his cake."

about Sadie on her own at

he was decorating the baby's room. Now I'm glad because everything Andrew's going into Michael had seen." She can remember every detail of the day he died, how

One day they would all go to Disneyworld together and he had even painted a jar for Emma to begin collecting all

The previous week Michael had been awarded a secondclass honours degree at Queens. There was so much to feel good about, even if there was a bit of local trouble because of the Orange parade at Drumerse, a few miles

At seven in the morning she finally got a message on her husband's mobile phone saying it was switched off. "That must have been when

Sadie McGoldrick: 'I bave no hatred. I have anger, it's only natural'. Top left, Michael McGoldrick РНОТОЗВАРН РАИ. FATT

need it confirmed. You just know it. My first thought was 'God, he wasn't even Irish'. He had the broadest Scottish accent and always talked to everybody even if they didn't

talk back."
At his funeral Michael's father movingly told his kill-ers that be forgave them. "Bury your pride," he told the paramilitaries, politicians and Orangemen. Sadie says she cannot feel the same way. "All I felt then was this awful loss. It didn't matter to me why they did it. The fact was he was gone and nothing was going to bring him back. I have no hatred. I have anger, it's only natural. But when they took Michael's life they took mine as well because everything we did, we did

together."
With a baby newly born

"It is dangerous to British

people because it is happen-

ing here to some extent. We are not as careful as we ought

to be in using antibiotics, al-

though on the whole we are pretty good at it and are edu-

Doctors in Gloucester be-

lieve they have found evi-

dence of a link between men-

ingitis and the overuse of

antibiotics after comparing prescribing patterns in areas

of high and low incidence of

In towns with meningitis

clusters, where the disease was nine times more common

Without any formal train-ing she progressed from music hall, through radio soap opera, to the National

Theatre and regular televi-

sion appearances. She will be especially remembered for

her work with Alec Guiness in Tinker, Tailor, in the 1980s,

as the grandmother in the

Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13%, and for her leading role in the West End hit, The Killing of Sister George. She

was awarded an OBE in 1985.

Six years later she won a Life-

time Achievement Award for

Oblinaries, page 10

cated about the risks."

the disease.

Actress Beryl Reid dies, aged 76

World warning over antibiotics

their availability in some impotent for the purposes on countries without a prescription. impotent for the purposes on which we have relied upon them for 40 years," he said.

moment when all bope seems | Andrew of the father he never to have drained away and the gunmen and bombers on both | More difficult. "There are sides stand ready to resume their futile war, Sadie wants them to stop and reflect.

"If they could only see the devastation that they leave behind and the lives that they wreck. They must never have known love to be able to destroy someone's life and take away love. Michael's death has altered nothing. I can't see at all what it has achieved for the people who did it. "And I honestly can't see

what any more deaths are going to achieve apart from wrecking people's lives and breaking up homes and leaving children without thei

fathers." The living room has Michael's graduation photo-graphs on the wall and his Ireland, his parents, origi. stinct told me. I didn't really into Northern Ireland at a degree certificate to remind

> nities, they found almost 50 per cent more prescriptions for antibiotics.

Dr Macara said he agreed

with the doctors' findings. "I

would be surprised if it were

otherwise. I am not in any

outbreak of meningitis in

Britain for 20 years, with the

Office for National Statistics

recording 835 cases between

October and March. Another

bad winter is forecast.

A spokesman for the De

partment of Health said there

was no evidence of an im-

pending crisis with antibiotic usage in Britain, adding: "People should be reassured."

Beryl Reid . . . from music

hall to National Theatre

times she'll not leave my side and she's watching my face and then she's saying 'mummy, don't be crying.
She'll be wiping away my
tears and saying 'mummy, I
know it's hard but you
mustn't cry'. She shouldn't be

now, without Daddy. Michael loved children. One time be picked Emma out of her bed even though she was asleep and took her outside to show to me 'I'll have to remember to tell my baby brother all the things that my daddy told

Everywhere she turns

mustn't cry. She shouldn't be drying her mummy's tears, it's just so cruel."

The Disney jar has lost its magnetic pull. "When I said to her, what do you think about going to Disneyworld, shall we go? She said no, not will have to go through this."

Everywhere she turns patients from the northern dispersion in "disproportionately high numbers".

Philip Brown, the trust's chief executive, said in the letter these were the patients who require emerge admission will receive care they need, even thoughthis."

Hospital in cash crisis bars many elderly

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

HOSPITAL has emergency patients over the age of 75 from half its local area in an attempt to survive a "crisis" in its services. Hillingdon hospital, in west

London, has told family doc-tors in north Hillingdon that it cannot accept emergency referrals of elderly patients. The move is the most drastic measure taken in the health service as hospitals prepare for what is widely predicted to be a difficult win-

er. Doctors are increasingly

Mitch Garsin, who chairs the Hillingdon local medical committee, representing the area's general practitioners, said: "It's looking as though this is going to be an extremely bad winter for Hillingdon, as GPs try to get their patients into beds."

The development comes days after leaders of Britain's medical consultants warned of hospital services coming "close to collapse". The Prime Minister promised to con-tinue above inflation NHS funding rises, but offered no extra money this year.

Hillingdon hospital trust says its ability to provide acute care has been hit by soaring demand and difficulty in discharging elderly

Hospitals cannot send patients home until social services departments have assessed their needs and arranged services. The prob-lem has been compounded, the letter says, by the unex-pectedly high number of adfrom north Hillingdon Mount Vernon hospital, in

nearby Northwood, helps serve north Hillingdon, but lost its full-scale casualty department in April. Hillingdon hospital says that although this should not have affected elderly care services, it has since been admitting elderly patients from the northern

social services funding put-ting a huge strain on the rest of the services.

The hospital stopped accepting GP referrals last Tuesday for emergency admission of patients aged over 75 who are residents of Ruislip, Eastcote, Northwood and Harefield.

Many elderly patients are clinically ready for discharge but awaiting community care arrangements. Mr Brown told the Guardian that 30-35 of his hospital's 300 acute beds were blocked in this way.

The rate of discharges cleared by social services had been almost four times as great last year as now, Mr Brown said. "We are talking to both social services and the health authority about how we can deal with this situa-tion of acute beds being unavailable to support our acci-

dent and emergency department."
The partial bar on over-75s was regretted and would be Meanwhile, "if somebody ar-rives at our door, we are certainly not going to turn them away

The hospital's move has brought an angry response from Hillingdon social services, which claims the com-munity care issue is being used as a smokescreen for NHS problems. Dawn War-wick, acting social services director, said: "We refuse to be blamed for the difficulties Hillingdon hospital finds itself in." The real issues were the closure of Mount Ver-

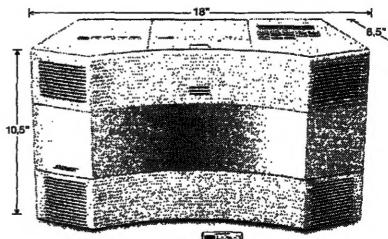
department and a cut in hos-pital bed numbers. To ease the difficulties, social services had last week opened extra beds in its own residential bomes and had arranged the discharge of seven elderly patients "over and above our usual quota", Ms

Warwick said. David Panter, chief executive of Hillingdon health au-thority, said: "We are obvi-ously unhappy about the the pressures on the hospital. We cannot stress too much that we are trying to solve the

"We are confident that paadmission will receive the care they need, even though it

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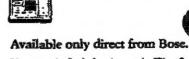
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Why Peter Thurnham went over to the Lib Dems

Sleaze row was final straw for MP

Ashdown flew from Scotland

Michael White Political Editor

fection to the Liberal Democrats yesterday went months ago", he was right in at least one respect. Back in February the MP for Bolton North East had gone, with his formidable

wife and business partner. Sarah, to see John Major to express their concern about the way their Government and party were drifting in the wake of the Scott and Nolan

Unsatisfied. Mr Thurnham resigned the party whip that night in limbo as an independent he began to see a lot of the Liberal Democrat chief whip. Archy Kirkwood, who speaks for all the minor parties in backstairs negotiations known as the usual channels. It was a relation-ship that would bear fruit. Mr Thurnham, a bit of

Euro-sceptic and certainly a practitioner as well as a theoretician of free-market economics, has an active social conscience, said to cost him 250,000 a year in charitable giving. "Heart to the left, wallet to the right," as he put it at Lib Dem HQ in London yesterday.

He asked to be put on two committees, community care and housing, both with implications for the disabled When Mr Kirkwood nomi nated him. Greg Knight, the Government's new deputy chief whip, insisted that he be listed as part of the Tory ma jority. It didn't work. Mr. Thurnham rebelled and

Little wooing took place - ex-

cept by rival parties. In October or November, the Thurnhams dined with

Paddy and Jane Ashdown at

their south London flat and

got on well. Further meetings

When Mr Thurnham saw Mr Kirkwood on one occa-

and member of the Scott

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helped to defeat his own side. Since Mr Thurnham was tired of fighting marginal Bol-ton (and had been snubbed in the Lake District in favour of of solicitor Andrew Phillips, a Major spin doctor Tim Col- former Lib Dem candidate lins), another Tory MP. Tom other seats. His old boss, Sir | lan. On the way he met Sir | can no longer support a Norman Fowler, had a chat. Norman on the Tube. The ernment which has so lost

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Peter Thurnham with Paddy Ashdown yesterday. The defecting Tory said be despaired at 'weak leadership and disunity'

Labour and Lib Dem confer-

ences, he rang Mr Kirkwood last Monday and arranged a

meeting with Mr Ashdown at

Mr Ashdown flew down

rom Scotland, Mr Thurnham

Details were finalised on Thursday and leaked to the

from his Lake District farm.

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ence euphoria - in time for

yesterday's first edition.

his flat on Tuesday.

Finally, after watching | cency that they have forfeited | post-war high. Mr Ashdown the trust and respect of the British people," Mr Thurn-ham said in a statement. "I cannot, above all, accept the atest attempts by the Government to suppress inquiries into allegations of sleaze. which poison the very basis of our democracy. I despair at the weak leadership and government disunity which weakens our international po-sition at a time when this

country needs national pur-

pose and strength. With his party's strength touch with basic values of de now 26 in the Commons, a

called it a "brave decision" which would be respected by many. Mr Heseltine said it had been "cooked up." Peter Hetherington adds: The word on the streets of Bolton, and in Tory circles, was that Peter Thurnham would not turn his back on

politics at the next election. The prospective Tory candidate for Bolton NE, Robert Wilson, remained convinced that the Lib Dems were lining

up a seat for Mr Thurnham Like most local Tories. Mr Wilson, has never placed Mr Thurnham on the party's lib-eral wing, "While he did have riews on unemployment that would have been considered leftish, on most other areas he was actually on the right and was a keen supporter of John Major and definitely of Margaret Thatcher."

Norman Critchley, chair-

man of Bolton NE Tories, accused the defecting MP of "betraying" the town's people. "This was a total shock to me after all he has said about Liberal Democrats in the past. He made it clear he had no time for them

For many North-west Tories Alistair Burt, social security minister and MP for Bury North, has long stood to the left of Mr Thurnham. Yesterday Mr Burt stres that he did not wish to make

any "personal comments" about his neighbour. Intrigudon't think there are valid reasons for a Conservative going over to the Liberal Democrats at the moment. This implied there might

well be a more valid time if the right of the party seized the initiative again.

Hamilton makes pitch to local party members

EIL Hamilton, the Tory MP at the heart of the cash for questions scandal, is attempting to shore up his tenuous hold on his Tatton constituency in Cheshire by pleading his case in a three-page letter to its Conser-vative Association members.

"Many of you will not know what to believe," the MP writes, "and I am well aware of the very severe damage this episode has done to me and the party." He adds that the issues are "complex and almost impossible to explain concisely", but then sets out his case "to help you under-stand some of the points

which have arisen". He says he believes he has done nothing wrong and attacks both the Guardian and Harrods' owner Mohammed Al Fayed, original source

of the paper's allegations. In a further attempt at rehabilitation, the Tatton MP will today address a private Brit-ish Telecom conference on de-

Union at a London hotel. A BT spokesman said: "He has been asked to address the meeting because of his wealth of experience as a former minister on the subject. We cannot disclose the venue as it is a private meeting." In his letter. Mr Hamilton insists there are "no credible witnesses or records" to support Mr Al Fayed's story that he paid MPs cash for questions. But he does not men-

tion Tim Smith, the MP who had taken fees from Mr Al Fayed. Nor does he refer to the trainee solicitor in a City firm, previously employed by Mr Al Fayed, who was pre-pared to give evidence that Mr Hamilton had collected envelopes containing money.

Mr Hamilton states that he dropped his libel action because a conflict of interest had pricen between his rese and that of the political lobbyist Ian Greer, with whom he was sueing the Guardian Their lawyers withdrew. which meant he would have had to find £80,000 more for

separate legal representation. Yet within 48 hours it was clear the men had fallen out. Two contradictory pieces of

First Mr Greer announced he had paid Mr Hamilton £10,000 to him. Then it was revealed that in 1994 Mr Hamilton as sured the Deputy Prime Min-ister, Michael Heseltine, that he had no financial relationship with Mr Greer. In his letter, Mr Hamilton

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claims he thought he was being asked by Mr Heselting about "an ongoing financial relationship (retainer)". All form single payments for a specific purpose unconnected with Fayed." he said.

He tells his constituents: "I did not solicit the payments, They placed me under no obligation whatever to perform any services, parliamentar his company. It is not sug sested that such payments are improper

He does not detail the services he rendered to the two Ian Greer, US Tobacco which was trying to get the government health han on its chewing tobacco, Skoal Bandita, dropped — was one of them. He wrote to the health minister, Ray Whitney, on be-half of Skoal Bandits in 1986. proposed an amendment to the Finance Bill concerning oral snuff in 1989 and later that year but down a motion posed to be annulled.

The MP's letter has been sent out with one from constituency chairman Alan Barnes urging constituents to give Neil your continued support and await the facts from Sir Gordon".

Today the Government will face further pressure when Labour's Chief Whip, Donald Dewar, and his Liberal Democrat counterpart. Archy Kirkwood, hold a joint press conference demanding an inquiry into the role of the unior minister, David Wil-Committee inquiry into Hamilton two years ago.

They want the Speaker Betty Boothroyd, to intervene on the grounds that he was trying to interfere with the in quiry as a junior whip.

The Standards and Privileges Committee is then ex-pected to discuss the scope of Sir Gordon Downey's "cash evidence emerged that would | for questions" inquiry.

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Museums chief fights entry charge

Peter Hetherington

OR the beleaguered di-rector of Glasgow's art galleries and muse-ums, it seemed the most unlikely alliance — unions Tory councillors demanding manding admission charges to save jobs and meet a rising deficit.

"If we did that we would

lose something which is very important in British cultural life," he said. "These great places then immediately become more elitist, appealing to the bet-ter-off while losing touch with the local community.

one because they were given to everyone. The dilemma this week facing Julian Spalding, and his political masters in Glasgow, highlights the growing financial burden on Britain's municipal art galleries and museums as they attempt to maintain sack. "He says that as a free access with govern- socialist he doesn't want to

They should be for every-

ment grants falling steadily.

Many museum directors believe they will soon be forced to introduce a twocess for local council taxpayers and charges for tourists and outsiders. Partly as a result of local government reorganisa-

tion, the Glasgow museums

service has had to slash £1.3 million from its budget this year, with further cuts due in 1997. Scores of jobs are threatened. To save between 35 and 50 jobs immediately at risk, the staff employed by the city museums and galleries asked their union to press the council to introduce

charges. An admission fee of £1. raising an estimated £750.000 annually, was Suggested The battle soon became personal, with one official accusing Mr Spalding of hand-picking staff for the sack. "He says that as a

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harge people admission. We know there are government cuts ... but we don't think the loss of 55 jobs is the right way to go about it," said Duncan Perguson of Unison. "He's hell-bent on these jobs going. Eventually charges will come. It's inevitable."

This week, members of the arts and leisure com-mittee threw out a Tory suggestion to introduce an immediate £2 admission fee. But to save costs for a limited period, eight city museums will close for one day a week while another — Pollok House — will shut for six months of the year. The list includes the extended. The list includes the extensive Burrell Collection.

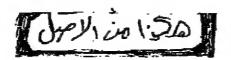
But the artistic pride of the city, the magnificent Kelvin Grove gallery and museum, with works by Rembrandt, Van Gogh, the French impressionists and the Scottish colorsists the Scottish colourists, will remain open during the

Michael Wright, head of marketing for the Museums Association, said: "There is a traditional ethos of museums being for the public. They have been supported by the commu-nity over the years and once, so there is a very strong sense that the policy (of free access) should continue.'

But he warned that coun-cils and other agencies are building admission fees into bids for millennium This is likely to mean that new galleries and museums will inevitably levy conpulsory charges. Some have already found a way around the problem. Mr Spalding, however, is resolute. He cites the example of the Louvre. "The people of Paris don't go there. It appeals to one-off visitors and the better off — who then benefit from the subsidies. And the ordinary people lose out."

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Fiona Matthan, who has been looked after by the Osborne family since she was 18 months old, will have to go to the both of us."

I amaica if an armeal to be Jamaica if an appeal to be heard by the Court of Session in Edinburgh tomorrow fails. Fiona, who was born in

London, was fostered full difficulty reading and writ-time by Helen and Billy Osing, admitted her life in borne in 1995 when her natu- Jamaica might be dangerous. ral mother, Althea Matthan, was jailed for two years after being found guilty of supply-

Ms Matthan, who is at Styal ing deportation, has now said



Althea Matthan: Wants to take daughter to Jamaica

she wants Fiona to travel to Jamaica with her. While she was in prison she had a second child, Crystal, who will also travel to the

The Osborne family moved to Perth, in the east of Scot-land, with Fiona after living in London for nearly 30 years. Fiona is attending a nursery in the city and has said she does not want to go to there appears to be the poten-Jamaica. One date for Ms tial for a stable life in Matthan's deportation has al- Jamaica, there is a material ready been postponed be- risk that life for her daughter cause of the court case.

Osborne. "But even Althea Osborne. I am not satisfied admits that she comes from a violent background and the authorities appear to have term. If Fiona remains here done nothing to check on the she will lose contact with her type of life Fiona may face. She is one of the family here."

FOUR-YEAR-OLD black child who has lived her whole life in Britain faces deportation to with her mother this are a court ruling said.

Ms Matthan, who is from Jamaica, said it was always understood Fiona would be returned to her once she completed her sentence, an agreement the Osbornes dispute.

Kamal Ahmed on a dispute over fostering

Jamaica with her mother this week after a court ruling said she would be disadvantaged by being brought up by a white foster family with the foster family.

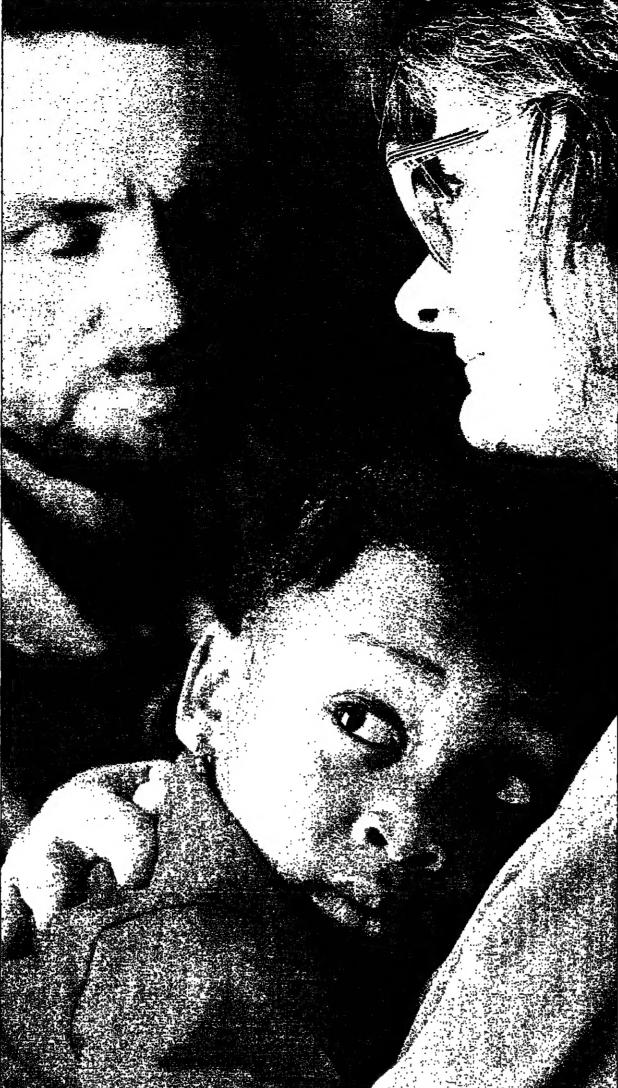
In other letters to Mrs Os-borne. Ms Matthan, who asked fellow inmates to write them for her because she has ing, admitted her life in "I do not want to go, you know how bad Jamaica is. This is why I do not want the children to go back to Jamaica. I have nothing there for them. [But] I cannot leave them here, even if I wanted Flona to stay with you."

Mrs Osborne, aged 40, and Ms Matthan first met when they lived as neighbours on a council estate in Hackney, east London. Ms Matthan, who is not married, would often leave Fiona with Mrs Osborne and her older daughters, Debbie and Fiona, while she was selling crack cocaine on the streets. Mrs Osborne said the

length of time Fiona was left with her became longer and longer until it was "more or ess a full-time arrangement' Police raided Ms Matthan's flat in February 1995 and arrested her for supplying crack cocaine. She agreed that Fions would be looked after by Mrs Osborne in a "private fostering arrangement" while she was in custody.

Last Christmas Mrs Osborns applied for custody of Fiona, an application chal-lenged by Ms Matthan. Sher-iff John McInnes, who ruled on the case in August, said that Fiona should go to Jamaica with her mother. The sheriff said: 'While

will be less stable than it has "If it could be guaranteed that Fiona would be happy in Jamaica then we would be glad to see her go," said Mrs



Fiona Matthan, who may be sent to Jamaica. with foster parents Helen and Billy Osborne PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MACLEOD | bonus number 14.

News in brief

Donor service needs more resources

CAMPAIGNERS yesterday called on the Government to provide more cash for life-saving organ transplants, after it emerged hundreds of usable hearts, lungs, livers and kidneys are wasted every year. Some donor organs have been abandoned after costly dashes across the country in helicopters or with police escorts.

Surgeons fear that unless there is confidence in the trans-plant programme, it could deter be reaved families from allow-ing organs to be removed from relatives. Last year 159 of 3,053 organs were discarded after cross-country trips involving the emergency services, according to figures compiled by the UK

Transplant Support Service Authority.

British Organ Donor Society chairman John Evans said:

"Occasionally there is a cock-up in the system, but more often it's for understandable reasons which are brought about by the state of things in the health service, which is a lack of resources where it matters." A Department of Health spokesman empha-sised the "vast majority" of retrieved organs were used to save and enhance life.

'Shrink' watchdog urged

A STATUTORY council to prevent "cowboy" psychologists from abusing patients should be set up with legal powers to strike off practitioners who break the rules, MPs say today. A survey by the British Psychological Society (BPS), which is leading a campaign to bring in statutory registration for psychologists, has considered the opinions of sitting MPs and the views of prospective Parliamentary candidates.

An overwhelming majority of those who replied to the questionnaire wanted such regulations, and said if a Bill setting out

tionnaire wanted such regulations, and said if a Bill setting out such powers came before the House of Commons they would vote in favour. Roughly one in eight of 390 backbench MPs answered the survey, as did one in four of PPCs.

Margaret McAllister, president of the BPS, said: "At present anyone can call themselves a psychologist, whether that person has any training or qualifications or not." — Chris Mihill

MI5 to fight 'serious crime'

MI5 will have the power for the first time to combat "serious crime", hitherto the task of the police, under legislation which comes into force today. Although the Government initially suggested the new Security Service Act would limit MI5's expanded role to money-laundering and drug trafficking, ministers subsequently said it could include a much wider group of targets,

including social security fraud.

A broad definition of serious crime in the act — already criticised by Commons Intelligence and Security Committee as too sweeping — includes any offence involving "conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose".

Richard Norton-Taylor

Man bailed after scuffle

A MAN arrested following the death of pensioner who had a heart A MAN AT resets to the wind had a bear attack after a scuffle in a supermarket car park was allowed bome by police yesterday. The 44-year-old was released on police bail until December 4.

Retired businessman Gordon Edwards, aged 71, was knocked to

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Saddam's Kurdish foes retake city

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By dawn yesterday, Jalal Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) was in complete control of the city, after the withdrawal of Mas Barzani's Kurdistan Demo-cratic Party (KDP), which had captured it with President

chaired a meeting of his revolutionary command council as it the FUE had stinered a massive, even terminal, defeat. Sulaymaniyah, Mr Talabani's political stronghold, had fallen with barely a shot fired. For the first time, virtually the whole of "liberated" Kurdistan came under a relative stability seemed to have dawned.

With the reconquest of the city, Mr Talabani has achieved an astonishing reversal. But unless he se cures the kind of swift and overwhelming victory that his rival briefly did, he will plunge the enclave back into With Turkey bent on estab

lishing a "security zone" along its frontier, Iran having tionist ambitions, and Mr Barzani again seeking exter-nal support, the internal

Baghdad's vanquished allies now appeal to West against Washington soon. In return for effective Western support, Mr Barzani would refrain

more than ever to exploita-tion by regional powers. The United States may soon face critical decisions about the enclave's future, and the gains which President Sad-

Mr Talabani's comeback began late last week, when his fighters - those who had not fled to Iran - ambushed a KDP convoy and destroyed 100 vehicles. Mr Barzani took personal command of his forces in the Sulaymaniyah area. But after three abortive order a general withdrawal.
According to the KDP. Tehran's army shelled the Clearly, Mr Talahani poses city with artillery and Katyu- a threat to Mr Barzani's head-

olutionary Guards have entered it alongside the PUK. ntered it alongside the PUK.
But a United Nations offi cial in the city said it had been seized with ease: "It is just another day. The KDP is out and the PUK is in." The PUK forces are now said to be advancing swiftly

towards Irbil, the "capital" of the Kurdish enclave. Ahmad Shalabi, head of the Iraqi National Congress, the Iraqi opposition group whose Kurdish-based operations were devastated by Baghdad's soud [Barzani] is now in real

quarters at Salahuddin, in the hills above Irbil. But he may also seek to push the KDP out of its heartlands, aiming for complete mastery of Kurdi-stan and unrivalled leader-ship of the national struggle. spell in control, he pledged to resume the national tasks in-

terrupted by civil war: to build a strong administration and a single "national" army, hold free and fair elections; root out corruption and revive a shattered economy. He made light of the "tem-

dent Saddam, thinking he could secure renewed West-ern backing, despite being alarmed by noises from

Robert Pelletrean, said that while President Bush may have vowed to protect the Kurdish enclave, "it has not been the policy of this adminstration" to defend it against Iraqi repress

But KDP officials said the West had everything to gain from the establishment of a strong, single rule in the enclave, which could withstand the exploitation by regional powers - Turkey, Iran or Iraq - that led to last mouth's crisis.

Mr Barzani had what he called a "very productive" meeting with Mr Pelletresu in Ankara, and the KDP was | ately playing up the spectre of

from entering into a long-term "political" deal with

President Saddam.
All of a sudden, the We cannot belp him. Mr Pelle-treau said: "We have no commitment to protect [the Kurds] against their own bad judgement if they invite Saddam in."

Only President Saddam with ground troops in the vicinity, can do anything for Mr Barzani, and the KDP leader's new predicament offers the Iraqi leader dramatic

opportunities.
It was a threat to the KDP's existence that prompted Mr Barzani to turn to Baghdad in that threat even greater now. That is why he is so desper-



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Grandads' army spike Dole's guns



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IFE in Florida follows a fairly strict routine if you are old. Tuesday night is bingo, Friday night offers dancing, there is a show on Saturday, and on Mr Clinton will keep him

ded by your local pensioners' political action committee. On November 5 the palm-cards in Sunny Isles will have one name at the top — Bill

In Condo Canyon, a cluster | got us out of it." of blocks of flats for senior citizens along southern Florida's east coast, older Ameriof their own generation — the 73-year-old Republican Bob Dole — and back a man young

enough to be their son. It is one of the more striking surprises of the 1996 campaign: older voters are more hostile to Mr Dole than any other age group, favouring Mr Clinton by 54 points to 34. A new poll shows one in 10

of those under 34 in Florida think Mr Dole is too old to be president but one in three of the over 50s think the same.

"Tm about the same age as Dole," said Marion Osborne at the bowling alley. "I know I'm not capable of doing the things I used to. To run this country, you need someone a

America's "seniors" are troubled not just by Mr Dole's dates, old people vote, while age but by his plans. America's "seniors" are age but by his plans.
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unions have been running advertisements in Florida for nearly six months accusing the Republicans of wanting to slash Medicare, the government-run health insurance scheme for the elderly.

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along. We're not rich people," said Sylvia Schanker, aged 77, originally from Brooklyn and one of the hundreds of thousands who have flocked to Florida for its warm climate

and low taxes. Mrs Schanker knows that a single unsubsidised prescription could cost up to \$100 and that without Medicare she would have to turn to her children for financial help.

She says she moved to the Avila Condominium in Sunny Isles 23 years ago because her husband's asthma was aggravated by the New York air. Florida has improved his health, and she thinks only

Sunday a film.

And when it comes to voting, you follow the advice writall we have left is our digten on your "palmeard", a nity," said Marvin Manning, hand-sized slip of paper nampresident of the Avila resident to the Avila resident of the Avila resident association. Old people still remember Herbert Hoover and the hard times of the 1930s, he said.

"People can't forget Republicans are the party of the Depression and the Democrats Mr Manning, aged 70, plays a key role in condo culture: he

is a civic organiser, delivering the fashion of old-time American machine politics. In the argot of Florida poli-

tics, he is a condo commando. The politicians are listen ing hard to Mr Manning and the other condo commandos they cannot afford not to.
 In Florida, where "seniors"

are a quarter of the popula-tion, they even have their own parliament, the so-called This week it meets in the same chamber as the state as-

bills which the real legislature will feel compelled to pass. Pensioners, it is claimed put more money into the Florida economy than agriculture

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Poachers set back drive to protect Mexico's hapless night visitors

THE night of the full moon in late August was most inauspiciou for the thousands of olive ridley sea turtles that heaved their cumbersome bodies on to Escobilla beach in search of a safe place to deposit their eggs. That night — one of the most important of the year for turtle nesting here — guerrillas attacked the cen-

tre of a nearby tourist away from their sentry posts at one of the country's largest turtle preserves. Word raced through nearby fishing villages. Within hours 200 poachers descended. They scooped

hundreds of thousands of eggs the size of ping-pong balls from the sand and butchered untold numbers of exhausted female turtles as they flailed frantically

jis, president of the Group enforcement of its environ- ing species that lived before of 100 environmental body mental laws. in Mexico City.

have been protected by law since 1990. The August massacre was a big setback for researchers at the nearby turtle-preservation centre in Oaxaca state. "I felt horrible - sad.

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have considered turtle eggs an aphrodisiac, and pov-erty drives them to poach skin, which is sold to make

illicit boots, wallets and Oaxaca, where on August 28 the newly emerged Pop-

mental laws. For centuries local people

The people along the coast just don't understand the need to save the turtles

Turtle Centre. "The people on the coast just don't It is here that the olive

understand the need to protect the turtles." Mexico's coastlines provide some of the most important nesting grounds in the world, used by seven of the world's eight types of sea turtles. But Mexico has back towards the sea.

"It's a catastrophe for the turtles," said Romero Aridcial development and lax turtles, among few remain-

ridley turtles, which weigh about 88lb, flounder out of the ocean several times a year to bury their eggs. All eight varieties of sea turtles are protected by the Convention on Interna-tional Trade in Endangered

Even without poschers. survival rates are low. Turtle eggs are vulnerable to attack by fly larvae, fungi, crabs, dogs and Until the 1960s, villagers

harvested only enough turtles to sustain their families. But an explosion in international demand for turtle leather and shell acessories transformed them into a source of income.

The town of Mazuntie, near Escobilla, was built on the turtle business in the 1970s. Environmentalists estimate that in 1989, at the olive ridley turtles were slaughtered — more than a quarter of the 120,000 olive ridley population believed to exist in Mexico today.

The impact of the 1990 ban on Escobilla beach was almost immediate searchers estimate that the number of turtle nests increased from 60,000 in

Hutus flee Zaire camp

About 20,000 Burundian Hutu refugees fled their camp in eastern Zaire vesterday after it was attacked by armed men, believed to be Tutsis, who killed four of them, aid กักเลย secretion

"There are some 20,000 on the move, heading north to other camps further away from Uvira town," one source

Royal rescue

The Saudi Crown Prince Abd-ullah paid the bill yesterday for a Palestinian refugee, Nabil Refaii, aged 32, in Sidon, Lebanon, who threatened to sell his seven-year-old son to pay for his father's medical

Khmer defectors

About 300 Khmer Rouge guer-

food, medicine and two sets of army uniforms. — Reuter.

Kidnap hunt

Police were still searching for Jakub Fiszmann, a Frankfuri businessman, three days after his brother paid a four mil-lion mark (£2 million) ransom to kidnappers. - Reuter. ---

Child sex lobby About 1,000 people demon-strated outside Belgium's highest court in support of the judge and magistrate lead-

ing inquiries into the child Algerian clashes Security forces killed 12 Muslim guerrillas in Algiers after

an eight-hour gunbaftle around a villa used as a hide out, an Algerian newspaper el Watan, reported. — Reuter.

Pricey Paris

About 300 khmer kouge guer-rillas were formally inducted into the Cambodian armed forces yesterday. The joint de-fence minister, Tea Banh, pre-sided over the caremony at which defectors were given High costs in France are forc-

Peru jails 'unfriendly' general

Jane Diaz-Limaco in Lima

HE imprisonment of a former general on drugs charges and the adop-tion of a law limiting Peruvi-ans' Constitutional rights have revived accusations that President Alberto Fujimori's government is sweeping aside democratic guarantees. General Jaime Rios was

jailed for 15 years on Friday, convicted of aiding the selfconfessed drug trafficker Demetrio Chavez, who was given to years.

Rios, originally called as a
witness only to be included
among the defendants, was given 25 years.

accused of taking payments for drug airlifts and accepting supplies for his men from local authorities involved in drug trestrations. drug trafficking.

His lawyer immediately asked for a supreme court ap-peal, saying that the sentence was "political revenge". The trial gained notoriety when Chavez accused the intelligence service chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, of tak-

ing pay-offs in return for protecting his jungle drug Later a visibly debilitated Chavez retracted the allega-Chavez's lawyer claimed his client had been

In a newspaper interview last month, Rios said that he was on trial for being no friend of the army commandwho is a close ally of Mr

Rios had protested against the treatment of the officers who led an aborted coup in November 1992, trying to overturn President Fujimori's dissolution of con-gress. Rios also refused to sign a document denouncing as a "traitor" General Rodolfo Robles, then third in com-

mand of the army.

Meanwhile, congress has passed a bill to hinder efforts to call a referendum on hold- mori's chances of re-election.

ing a third presidential elec-tion, in 2000. The new law apparently overrules the

national electoral board.

It restricts the constitutional right of 10 per cent of
voters to call a referendum on any subject of national

The 1993 constitution says that a petition of 1.2 million people is sufficient to call a referendum, but the new law says it must have the support of 46 MPs. a figure that the opposition would have difficulty achieving.
The opposition claimed that

the new law was aimed solely at protecting President Fuji-

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Austria's far-right

SUPPORT for Austria's Social Democrats slumped to an historic low in a European Parliament election yesterday, as the far-right soared to a record high, computer projections showed. The Social Democrats of the chancellor, Franz Vranitzky, won 29.7 per cent of the vote, the same as their government

coalition partner, the conservative People's Party, Computer

projections by Austrian state television showed the far-right

powerful regional assembly, for the first time since 1945.

Projections in a Vienna state election also showed the Social Democrats losing their overall majority in the richest and most

The Euro-poil projections, if translated into final results, spell disaster for the Social Democrats, giving the party its lowest national score since democratic elections first took place in 1918. The far-right Freedom Party leader, Jörg Haider,

see view the results as support for his opposition to European

MORDECHAI VANUNU'S supporters appealed for his freedom yesterday. 10 years after Israel jailed him for spilling nuclear

ecrets to a British newspaper.

They gathered for a two-day international conference begin-

ning in Tel Aviv today in support of the former nuclear techni-

cian, aged 12, jailed as a traitor but hailed by anti-nuclear

soars in EU poll

News in brief

Preedom Party at 28 1 per cent.



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Bombay devours its citizens

Asia's economic growth has spawned sprawling super-cities. In the first of a series on Bombay, Suzanne Goldenberg examines the

effects

T IS the city of dreams, and cold hard cash: an ever-growing megalopolis which gobbles up space is apparently unstoppable. It is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstoppable. It is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstoppable. It is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstoppable. It is apparently unstoppable is apparently unstop like a great, hungry beast.

The only things that count in Bombay are land and people who get in the way of turning

in into profit.

In the early 1990s property prices rose higher than Tokyo and the stockbroker was king. Politicians boasted that they would make Bombay — or Mumbai as it was officially renamed this year - into a new Hong Kong or Singapore. Now the boom has bust.

Property prices have tumbled 30 per cent from the dizzying highs of two years ago — al-though a studio flat in a distant northern suburb can still fetch 2 million rupees (£37,000), beyond the imagination of most residents. The Bombay Stock Ex-

change is so moribund that

There are more than 14.5 million people in its greater met-ropolitan region, and offi-cials estimate that it will have 22 million by 2011.

A few people are lured to the city by the glamour of Bollywood films, but most migrants are hungry peasants desperate for work. They are not coming here in search of Eldorado, they are coming here in search of a square meal," said Bittu Sehgal, editor of Sanctuary magazine

Environmentalists like Mr Sebgal say Bombay's growth is responsible for the dispos-session of millions, who are forced out by landlords as the city moves northwards along the peninsula.

On the northern edge of the city, displaced slum dwellers

"I would be too happy if Bombay replaces New York City as the financial capital of the world," said Chandrashekhar Prabhu, a professo

'I'd be happy if Bombay replaces New York City. But at what cost?'

of architecture and a social

"But at what cost? At the cost of Bombay itself. There is no quality of life left in the way the city is growing." In July a factory manager

But officials say they are powerless to stop Bombay expanding, admitting they have left its future to be dictated by

"I don't think it's a planning question whether Bombay should grow. The choice are not really with the plan-ners," said V. K. Pathak, the region's chief planner.
"The best that can be done

is to anticipate the kind of growth that might happen and to plan infrastructure. Nor has the administration city. Each morning commuter trains from distant suburbs disgorge 5.5 million people into a few square miles of of-

fices in South Bombay. Now developers are looking eastwards to the mango of the city.

The engine for the next great thrust into Bombay's hinterland is a new airport for which Mott McDonald, the British firm which built the Channel Tunnel, is carrying out feasibility studies.

Mort McDonald estimate the initial cost of the airport and related infrastructure at \$3.5 billion (£2.1 billion), bu that is only seed money for a commercial complex which will cover more than 17 square miles, including nearly 8 sq miles to be recov ered from the sea.

Such mega-projects are of little benefit to the 40,000 farmers and fishermen who live on the site.

union and a single currency. — Reuter, Vienna.

'Free Vanunu' calis

An organiser. Rami Halbrun, told Israel Radio that they had submitted a petition signed by 12,000 Norwegians to the prime minister. Binyamin Netanyahu, and would try to visit Vanunu, who is in isolation at Ashkelon prison, southern Israel. Vanunu, who worked at Israel's top-secret Dimona nuclear

reactor site for nine years, was sentenced to 18 years in jail for telling the Sunday Times in September 1986 that the Jewish state and produced up to 200 atomic bombs. — Reuter, Jerusalem.

Greek Cypriot shot dead

TURKISH Cypriot forces yesterday shot dead a Greek Cypriot who crossed into the north of the divided island. British and Turkish officials said. Three Greek Cypriots and one Turkish Cypriot have now been killed along the buffer zone since tension

A Cypriot government spokesman called the killing "coldblooded murder"

The shooting happened near the eastern end of the buffer zone, close to territory controlled by British military bases.

Cypriot police said Petros Kakouli, aged 50, a resident of the nearby village of Avgorou, had been collecting snails with his sonin-law. "At one point his son-in-law lost him and then saw him standing with his hands up. Turkish soldiers shot him once and then walked closer to him and finished him off."

A Turkish Cypriot military spokesman said Kakouli, a retired firefighter, had crossed 200 yards into the Turkish zone. Troops had called on him three times to stop. "He did not. Three warning shots were fired. He attempted to escape. Shots were fired and be

Island premier killed

THE premier of the violence-torn Papua New Guinea island of Bougainville has been assassinated, robbing the province of one of its strongest voices for peace, the PNG government said

Theodore Miriung, head of the government-backed Bougain ville transitional government, was shot on Saturday in front of his family by at least two gunmen in the south of the copper-rich

Miriung, a former legal adviser to the secessionist Bougainville Revolutionary Army (BRA), was appointed head of the transi-tional government last year in an effort to negotiate an end to an ight-year rebellion.

He had argued against a military solution to the crisis, which worsened earlier this year when the PNG prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, authorised a fresh offensive against the BRA. The rebels control much of the island's south and central

region, including the site of the Panguna copper mine, abandoned in 1989 when fighting erupted. — *Reuter, Sydney*.

UN chief 'aided Israel'

office, a prize-winning Nor-wegian journalist claims in a book to be published

Israel First alleges that Lie, a former Norwegian foreign minister and the UN secretary-general from meeting future Israeli offi-cials and handing them classified information in

1947, a year before the state of Israel was proclaimed. "He and the people he ap-

pointed were fiercely pro-Israel," said the book's author. Odd Karsten Tveit, a former Middle East and UN correspondent for Norwegian Radio, "They delivered all they were asked for, no questions asked."

Lie's military assistant, Alfred Roscher Lund, a former head of Norwegian intelligence, "also passed on informa-tion from British intelligence," Mr Tveit said.

Mr Tveit spent two years researching the book in Israeli state archives and at the UN headquarters. The book has caused a row in Norway because of false reports that it accused Lie, who died in 1968, of being a paid agent of Israel. "I never say that." Mr Tveit said. — Jon Henley. Helsinki.

Deadly virus returns

THE Ebola virus has surfaced for the fifth time in 18 months, claiming seven lives so far in the African country of Gabon. "It looks like the outbreak has been going on since July... in a chain of slow transmission," said Dr David Heymann, head of the World Health Organisation's emerging-diseases programme in Geneva. WHO scientists left Geneva on Friday, bound for a

remote rain forest area near the town of Boove, in central Gabon. In May 1995 the world was startled by Ebola's re-emergence, after a 19-year hiatus, in southern Zaire. That epidemic lasted for six months, killing 245 people — 78 per cent of those who were infected. When the virus first emerged in Gabon, five months ago, 32 people contracted Ebola and 13 died. — *Neusday*.

US crime success

THE United States murder rate in 1995 was the lowest in a decade, the FBI said, while overall violent crime — including rape, robbery and aggravated assault — fell to its lowest since 1989.

President Clinton said: "Our strategy — to put more police on the streets while working to get drugs, gangs and guns out of our neighbourhoods — is working." — Mark Tran, New York.



Charge story



north of Kabul, informed

HE forces of the former | minute drive from the capi-Afghan government mil-itary chief Ahmed Shah Massond took a second town fighting between Commander Massoud's forces and the Taliban, the funda-

which drove him from the capital two weeks ago.
It fell some hours after Cmdr Massoud took Jabalos-Saraj, the town where the Taliban had their head-

the Hindu Kush mountains. Charikar was peaceful for most of yesterday, but local people expected a Talban counter-attack, the

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as Beijing takes new steps to tighten political controls. The veteran protester Wei

nals who keep watch over him 24 hours a day. He is only cisms and one letter a month.

sleeping, and inspect what he writes. She said his spirits had reached an "unprecedented low and that he had been refused medical treatment. Amnesty International said

Mr Wei's plight reflected an atmosphere of "increased repression and growing offi-cial paranois about any form

three years in a labour camp.
Mr Liu had joined the veteran protester Wang Xizhe in issuing a joint statement call-Mr Liu had joined the veteran protester Wang Xishe in issuing a joint statement calling on Beijing to respect the level are expected to play safe

Hong Kong and was believed to be seeking asylum in the and discipline". United States. A source close to him was quoted as saying that he had seen Wang Xizhe

Another Tiananmen Square activist. Wang Dan, is be-lieved to have been charged with "subversion" after being illegally detained for nearly 17 months. His family said yesterday that he could stand trial this week for the capital offence of plotting to over-

The Beijing leadership has

sources said yesterday. and the Taliban, the fundathe Taliban had their headment they said Charikar, a 90-mentalist Islamic militia quarters, at the mouth of

is a serious setback for the Taliban, who are also facing raids by Cmdr Massoud's forces and his allies nearer Kabul which have

(above) fled fighting on Saturday in the village of Qulai Murad Baig, six miles north of Kabul. Reuter.

Even before the summit, Maj Buyoya had met two of

the three demands laid down when the blockade was im-

posed at the beginning of

ning of political parties. The third was the start of talks.

agreement to reconvene the national assembly under-

mined his claim to be normal-

ising government. At its open-ling, only 34 of its 31 MPs turned up. The Hutu Speaker, Leonce Ngendakumana, who had sheltered in the German embassy in fear of his life, said 22 of those absent had been murdered. All the dead

are from the mainly Hutu

Frodebu party. Many other MPs are in exile or in hiding.

which was divided on what to

But Maj Buyoya's reluctant

president — can bring an end is contentious, given the dan-to the bloodshed that has gers for Hutu politicians in the capital Bujumbura.

on dissidents

John Gittings

ARSH treatment of a leading Chinese dissident has been revealed

Jingsheng is in an unheated cell with six common crimi-According to his sister Wei Ling, who was allowed to visit him last week, Mr Wei's cell-mates harass him to stop him

It has complained about last week's arrest of the wellknown activist Liu Xiaobo, who was immediately dispatched without trial to serve

constitution and to grant gen-uine autonomy to Tibet.

and crack down on dissent.

The party plenum issued in

in Hong Kong and that he seemed in good health.

Wang Shuo, a popular author of novels about urban society

throw the government.
They said his mother, Lingyun, had been told on Thursday that she had one day to back even earlier to the Culfind a lawyer, a sign they believe that a trial is imminent.



Wei Jingsheng: Cellmates

tual" values are slipping in China as economic reform leads to new demands for po-litical diversity.

A communiqué from the Communist Party's plenary session, held in secret last week, said that the party should be "resolute in tightening its grip" on social and

In a mood of uncertainty as

une autonomy to Tibet.
Radio Television Hong
Kong, which is funded by the
government, said yesterday
that Wang Xizhe had fled to
Hong Kong and was believed
with ideals morals culture

The official propaganda department has banned publica-tion of the collected works of with a strong emphasis on youth culture and sex.

The new crackdown on dissidents focuses on a handful of critics who have refused to leave the country.

Mr Wei has only spent a

year at liberty since 1979 when he published a famous manifesto urging Mr Deng to embrace democracy. Wang Xizhe's dissent dates

tural Revolution, when he

criticised the Gang of Four. expressed concern that "spiri- | Leader comment, page 8

China turns screw Burundi strongman backs down Secretary-general, Trygve Life (right), worked three lessly and in secret to help the emerging state of Israel throughout his term in but neighbours keep sanctions

Chris McGreal in Arusha

BURUNDI'S Tutsi military leader has bowed to regional sanctions and agreed to unconditional negotiations with Hutu rebels. But a weekend summit remained suspicious of Major Pierre Buyoya's assurances, declining to lift their block-ade until talks are irreversibly on course toward resolving Burundi's civil strife.

Ten weeks after seizing power vowing there would be no negotiation with Hutu rebels until they laid down their weapons, Maj Buyoya made the concession which many Tutsis argue will even-tually lead to their extermination but Hutus say is the only

path to peace.

A letter from the major was delivered to east African lead-ers at Saturday's summit in Arusha, Tanzania, in which he agreed to talks with the Hutu rebel National Council for the Defence of Democracy (CNDD) in the hope that the blockade would be lifted. But the leaders declined to ease the sanctions until the

The continuation of sanc- | nation of Burundi's first Hutu | ity. Even the site of the talks tions was a snub to the United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher, who pressed the regional leaders to ease them when he met them the day before the summit. US and European diplomats arregional powers leaves Maj Buyoya little room for ma-noeuvre and plays into the

Maj Buyoya's promises. August: the restoration of "Maintain the sanctions parliament and the unbanagreement, or at least until the negotiations have reached hands of the most extreme In "ethnically cleansed" irreversible levels," he wrote.
Bujumbura, which is a virtual Tutsi fortress, the block-larmy, who initiated this cri-

'Major Pierre Buyoya and his army are

arsonists pretending to be firemen' ade has hardened the resolve sis and its tragedy, are now of many who believe they are pretending to be saviours.

struggling for survival against Hutu rebels intent on to be firemen." repeating the genocide of neighbouring Rwanda. Some argue that negotiation will in-

argue that negonation with inevitably lead to Tutsis losing
control of the army.

But Hutu politicians in the
largest political party, Frodebu, and Hutu rebels say
that nothing short of the
restoration of democratic rule
introduced three years ago

gotiations remain. The mili-

They are arsonists pretending Significant obstacles to ne

In a letter to the summit, the CNDD rebel leader and

Leonard Nyangoma warned

tary regime wants all parties to join round-table discus-sions which would first explore the origins of Burundi's problems.

The rebels and Frodehu say this evades the fundamental

Further signalling their distrust, they set a one-month deadline for talks to begin.

Further signalling their distrust, they set a one-month deadline for talks to begin.

Further signalling their distribution of democratic rule issues, such as reforming the military and reinstating a political system which respects the nower of the Button signal issues.

The unbanning of parties failed to impress the summit, do next. Kenya and Tanzania, with the greatest trade links to Burundi, took the toughest stand for maintaining sanc-tions. Ethiopia, Uganda and Rwanda—close to the US and

sympathetic to Tutsi fears of genocide — were willing to make concessions to Maj months by the army's assassi- the power of the Hutu major- Buyoya.

Giles Wilson in Wellington

coalition partners.

the nationalist New Zealand First party, now has the role of kingmaker after New Zealand's general election on Saturday, the first fought under proportional representation. It has been widely predicted that he will support a Labour-Clark, ending six years of going to be stampeded into 60 years of support for Labour longer than they might like.

National Party rule, and giv-ing the country its first fe-male prime minister. The final allocation of seats

Peters the balance of power he has been tight-lipped about his preferences. As he left his Tauranga constituency with party strategists for his fishing trip, he ruled out further statements until Wednesday.

His uncharacteristic reti-

and Mr Bolger will have to play the waiting game. He the party he has created may be able to exact a higher For a country brough supporting it than Labour.

ter," he said, adding that Ms | the six Maori-only electorates Clark and the prime minister.

Jim Bolger, should "calm his deputy, Tau Henare, are both Maoris. If Mr Peters backs National

cence means that Ms Clark he may alienate his Maori supporters, and probably split

and about half the members tainty about who will form of his three-year-old party the next government is uncame from National and charted territory. With a Demight be more comfortable cember 13 deadline for parliament to meet. New Zealand-But the other wing of his party is Maori, and the Mao-proportional representation

Potential PMs lure kingmaker

HE man who will decide the future of the New Zealand government took off on a fishing trip yesterday, as his party angled for the best deal from potential

in the new 120-member parliament is National 44, Labour 37, New Zealand First 17, Alliance 13, and minor parties supporting National nine. The Alliance has indicated Winston Peters, leader of that it will support Labour. Since the election gave Mr

"New Zealand First is not ris ended their hitherto solid the election process may take

For a country brought up price for his support from on first-past-the-post voting National than Labour — he and decisive results, uncer-

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The elusive prize is EMU

But it needs a social revolution

THE MOST important economic decision of the 20th century will have to be made within the next year: whether Britain should in principle join the rest of Europe in monetary union complete with a common currency (EMU) or stay out. Neither Labour nor the Conservatives can talk sensibly at the moment. The Tories are afraid of tearing themselves apart. Labour, while also fearful that submerged splits will come to the surface, is scared that if it adopts a single currency it would give the Tories an opportunity to fight the election on a xenophobic "Save our pound" campaign. Instead, the party is planning to delay a decision on the grounds that it doesn't want to be sidetracked by any economic "shocks" during the first years in office.

The proper course for Britain is constructive delay. Not the political pusilanimity that forces the main parties to do the right thing for the wrong reason but a purposive postponement enabling us to be a forceful part of the decision-making machinery and retaining a genuine option to join without being forced to exercise it for the immediate future. There are powerful reasons for this. Most important, we simply don't know whether this untried EMU project will galvanise our economy or pulverise it. If we could be sure that monetary union will deliver what its protagonists claim - lower interest rates, better pensions, an end to currency turmoil, transactions costs of exchanging money eliminated and economic growth boosted by 0.5 per cent we would happily sign tomorrow. Sure, we would lose "sovereignty" but few would care if we merely exchanged our freedom to make gross macroeconomic mistakes (like the two gargantuan recessions of the 1980s) for a share in European sovereignty delivering stronger growth and lower unemployment.

There is - say - a 25 per cent chance that EMU will bring economic nirvana. But there is also a similar chance that it will bring disaster with heavy unemployment if Britain is unable to shake off her historic propensity to pay more in wages relative to other countries than is justified by productivity. No one likes devaluation. We would all like to be getting 10 French francs to the pound again. But until now (and particularly at the time of Black Wednesday in 1992) the right to devalue has proved a vital option to bale ourselves out of an uncompetitive situation which would otherwise have led to years of higher unemployment.

It must be right to wait and see whether the project works for others before irrevocably committing ourselves. France has linked her currency to the German mark in a mini-monetary union at enormous cost (miserable growth and uemployment still running at over 12.5 per cent). At the very least we should wait to see whether France, which has a much longer record of low inflation than the UK, emerges stronger from atory before jumping into ourselves. Let those countries wanting EMU much more strongly and driven by a demonic political agenda (whose economies happen to be more suited to union than the historically inflation-prone UK with its volatile oil sector is) get on with it while we watch and wait.

There is another reason for waiting. Once the "euro" is adopted by the core group of pioneer countries, it will almost certainly become a second de facto currency for the UK. International corporations will immediately adopt it for their loans: farmers will be paid in it and exporters will receive it in payment for their products. Travellers going to France will use euro-denominated plastic cards, savers will want some of their money to be lodged in the new "strong" currency and others will want Euro-denominated mortgages. It won't be long before the likes of Tesco and Sainsbury, helped by advances in electronic money, accept the euro in in their stores. Some trade unions may even bargain to be paid in Euros. The existence of a parallel currency will also act as a discipline for the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the conduct of monetary policy. In this way people can vote individually - as consumers whether they want the euro before the Government askes them nationally through a referendum.

None of this need prevent Britain from playing a leading role in the negotiations to establish the single currency including re-joining the ERM. As long as this is done at a realistic rate of exchange it will act as an essential training ground for possible full membership. What we must never again do is to repeat the dreadful and avoidable mistake of joining a fixed exchange rate mechanism (as we did with the ERM) at an overvalued rate of exchange in the misbegotten hope that this would force us to cure bad habits built up over a century. It should be the other way round. We must change our habits fundamentally. That applies whether we wish to join EMU or not.

The missing Nobel

East Timor's gain is China's loss

THIS YEAR'S Nobel peace prize has propelled one Asian human rights issue into much-needed limelight while leaving another one in the shade. The award to Bishop Belo and the exiled resistance leader Jose Ramos-Horta was wholly deserved. The bishop has spoken out in spite of enormous pressure from the authorities, publicising abuses and demanding a referendum for the unconsulted people of East Timor. Mr Ramos-Horta has lobbied the corridors of diplomacy till the Santa Cruz massacre compelled us to wake up. The UN refuses to regard Indonesia's annexation as legitimate: now there is even less excuse for inaction.

Yet as a result of this award, the nomination of the Chinese political prisoner Wei Jingsheng has inevitably failed. Winning the prize would have focused attention on dissidents in China at a critical time. Mr Wei has been campaigning for democracy since 1979: another activist, Wang Xizhe (who may now have reached safety in Hong Kong) first spoke out in the Cultural Revolution. Most countries are not too concerned whether China protects human rights as long as it embraces the market. Beijing's new crackdown on a tiny number of lonely campaigners is both unnecessary and at variance with the trend of social and economic reform. Liberal elements in the leadership must be uneasy at this return to the dogmatism of the late 1980s. Beijing's friends abroad should not muffle their criticism: this petty but vicious oppression corrupts Chinese integrity and persecutes brave dissent. With or without a peace prize, Mr Wei, Mr Wang and the unknown others deserve our support.



Letters to the Editor

the floor

WAS Mr Major's sugges-tion that he did not have the same start in life as Tony Blair and Harriet Harman We did not have the benefit of a private education" — an admission that private schools are superior to state schools?

Roger Lewis. 14 Deuchworth Road, Wantage, Oxon OX12 9AU.

S Mr Major ashamed of Brixton? If not, why does he keep on talking about it? 88a Maudlin Drive, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8SE.

MICHAEL Heseltine com-plains of Sir James Gold smith having homes in Britain, France and Mexico. Is

this not the politics of envy? L Freitag. 22 Cravells Road. Harpenden, Herts AL5 1BD.

F Mr Blair is now to be po trayed as "smarmy", why did Tory Central Office spend millions portraying him as the

devil incarnate? Ed Welch. Redhills, Stokenham,

Parton is known to be better than that of some ex-Tory ministers. Why does Kenneth Clark refer to this lady in such a disgusting manner?

GRC Peake. 20 Chapel Lane, Kirby Cross, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex CO13 0NF.

PETER Lilley extols the suc-cess of the fraudsters' hotline. But more money is lost to the Treasury by tax evasion. Strange that the Government has not set up a hotline to inform on tax-evaders. R B Taylor.

Skegness, Lincs PE25 3AF.

CHALLENGE what Tony Ak kerman (Letters, October 12) calls "harmless adult films viewed "in the privacy of their own homes". Privacy does not guarantee harmlessness — as moment's thought about drugs or self-mutilation shows. The champions of pornography are simply unwilling to consider that their obsessions may cause them as much psychological damage as other kinds of behavioural insult damage their bodies. Nor, in a civilised society, can this sim-ply be regarded as being up to the individual. Ian Flintoff.

Questions from Breaking up the family

HE mysogynistic notion that a man who has beaten up the mother of his children is not necessarily a threat to those children has to be challenged (Mother jailed for stopping violent father see ing child, October 11).

If we allow these men to have contact with their children as if their violent behavlour did not matter, we teach their children that violence towards women does not matter. We give the sons of such men the green light to beat up their future partners and we give their daughters the assumption that to be attacked by their parmer is normal.

There is no better way of raising battered wives than to give tacit approval to the battering of their mothers: there is no better way of condoning domestic violence than to incarcerate a woman who seeks to protect her daughter from the corrupting influence of a man who uses women as punchbags.

As long as we continue to give credence to the argument that fathers who are incapable of conducting adult relation-ships are entitled to conduct relationships with vulnerable children, thousands of women ficed for the fathers' rights lobby.

Thin blue line

As a police officer, I appland the anti-crime

stance taken by the political

parties. I find it surprising,

herefore, that government is

intent on severe reductions in

the Ministry of Defence

Police, the civilian constabu-

fence. At least 2,000 officers will be replaced by a variety of

other personnel, none of

whom will possess police pow-ers, which makes them of very

limited use in crime preven

tion. Police forces in the vicin-

ity of defence establishments

will not only lose a valuable

back-up resource but will find

themselves expected to

shoulder a greater policing

burden at a time when their

manpower and funding is

under considerable pressure.

Defence Police Federation.

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lary of the Ministry of De-

Jean Molloy. Theodore Road London SE13.

THE imprisonment of any-one, especially in a family clared (Mother must stay dispute, is to be regretted but this case sharply defines the inadequacies of our thinking on the rights of children.

Firstly, it reveals the impos-sibility of enforcing contact arrangements. The Children Act lays down a penal notice as the only sanction against a mother who persistently refuses to abide by a contact order. Yet can anyone believe that to send a mother to prison is in the best interests of a child, the vardstick of the Children Act itself?

Secondly, it exposes our muddled thinking on domestic violence. Violence between adults does not lead necess ily to violence between adults and children, a view with which the court welfare officer in this case presumably concurred. We must judge what greater damage may be caused to a young person when contact with his/her father is unilaterally withheld by a mother, acting for reasons which may have nothing to do with the child's welfare and everything to do with

her anger at the father. Of course, when fathers are imprisoned for wanting to see their children there is never any public fuss. But that's another story. High Street.

Corporate body

WITHIN the funeral profession, the takeovers by

A prime example is the con-

tinued use of the old family

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verts. Another example is the

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BID FROM A GIGANTIC FUNERAL WORLDWIDE ORGANISATION DIRECTORS

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a series of tricks being used to ing they are dealing with a undermine the diminishing family funeral director rather

number of independent, family run funeral directors. than a gigantic, worldwide corporation? Surely, it is time

clever use of the name Family 56 Ladies Mile Road.
Funeral Directors Ltd., which Brighton, E Sussex BN1 8QF.

Warboys, Cambs.

number, even in e-mailed

acknowledge responsibility for this? I have spent 25 years as or ganiser of a charity dealing with instances of judical idiocy and this is surely one of Ken Norman. Bowness-on-Solway

in jail, October 12) that there

had been "not a single word of regret" from the mother

ing to allow contact with the father. Doesn't he begin to

understand that her sole in-

terest is in protecting her child — and why the heli

should she regret this? Is the

law attempting to enforce a couldn't-care-less attitude to

What will happen after the release of this woman? Will

she be permitted by law to

resume loving care of the

child, or is car-and-mouse tor-

ture to go on and on; will she suffer repeated imprisonment

or will her daughter be

dragged away time after time.

man who has used violence, until there is the predictable consequence? Will the judges

motherhood?

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of a bereaved family. Are they

that businesses, especially within the funeral profession,

stopped pretending to be what

duction of Hamlet or Othello

than to sit in reverential silence during a performance of Cats or Phantom of the

Opera. Shakespeare was the

hit writer of his time, a good night out for men (I fear that it

was usually men) who wanted

ning is popular with some Round Tables, I wonder if

there are any Rotary clubs

that employ strolling players to put on Macbeth on ladies'

night. The spirit of our time

was, I fear, illustrated by a

man who appeared - I cannot

imagine why - on a recent radio literary quiz. From his

name (I think it was Ryan Sewell) I would have imagined

We know that Bernard Man-

Put yourself in the position

tional, of Houston, Texas,

A professor brings his bedside manner to a bout of influenza

UNDERSTAND your corre- | tate diabetes. Flu vaccination October 10) about preventing influenza by mass immunisa high-risk patients and the el-derly. But whilst France apsons than does the UK, the overall vaccination policy in the EU, the US and Australia is to give priority to those more greatly at risk of complications or dying following an attack of influenza (ie highrisk groups and the elderly).

Unusually for a virus, influenza does not lend itself to mass vaccination campaigns. Indeed, this might even be counter-productive with such a chameleon-like pathogen, and force antigenic change more rapidly. Additionally, mass flu vaccination policy might not be considered to be the most effective use of healthcare resources.

The vaccination of carers may be a good idea and indeed the chief medical officer's letter to doctors is a recommun-dation, leaving GPs to make a final decision. I feel that the current UK policy is sound

Diabetics can be reassured that vaccination against flu is (Cllr) Roy Pennington. neficial and I know of no evidence that it can precipi | Brighton BN2 2EG.

for people with diabetes is 79 per cent effective in reducing hospitalisations for influence pneumonia and diabetic events, and, as the CMO stated last week, repeated vaccination is associated with a 75 per cent reduction in the possibil ity of death

(Prof) John Oxford. Professor of Virology, Queen Mary and Westfield

Calling cards

YOUR report on BT block-ing calls to working girls who use cards in phone boxes (October 11) does not tall the full story. BT say they are removing thousands of cards a week in Brighton and Hove but the cards and the girls are still there.

What is needed is for the local press to lift their requirement that massage certificates are provided before similar adverts are accepted. Phone box carding could then be transferred into the local press and the public could more easily look away.

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A Country Diary

probably the best day of the autumn - even of the whole year. The sun smiled down from dawn to dusk, the winds of three days earlier were stilled and the visibility, if not as pin-sharp as sometimes in February, at least reached to the horizon. Most remarkable was the almost magical light-ing — the blue of the sky reflected in all the waters and growing russet glow over the fells. We were doing a simple local walk of perhaps six miles — from Arnside over the Knott to Far Arnside and back along the cliffs above the shore — but it had never seemed so lovely as this. Everything was so still the countryside settling down for the winter with not a sound or even a movement, save, as we topped Arnside Knott, the little train slowly moving from Grange to cross the Kent Estury by the viaduct, 500 feet below. We had walked up through cool woods speckled with sunlight, until we emerged suddenly on the sum-

THE LAKE DISTRICT: It was | mit, bright as a stage with probably the best day of the | views all round to the familiar Lakeland falls and Yorkshire hills and a vast seascape silvering the horizon. The whole width of the sands of the estuary, across which we had often walked with the Queen's Guide, was plain to see — the channels across which we had, innocuous — and, far to the west, we could pick out the tiny blob of Piel Island, with its ancient castle, where Lambert Simnel had landed for his foolhardy attempt on the English throne in 1486. Far Arnside in the morning sunshine, its white-washed houses and grazing Shetland ponies, was a delight, the trim caravan site on the edge of the sea surely one of the neatest in the country, the woodlands, crowded with daffodils in spring, full of interest, and the cliff-top walk above the sands somewhere near perfection. We counted our good fortune that all this was just 20 minutes' drive from home. A HARRY GRIFFIN

When some verse is worse than no verse

they are not

Andy Derriman.

Funeral Director.

Endpiece

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HE admission will cause me nothing but grief, but I feel an irre-sistible compulsion to confess that I have, at very best, mixed feelings about National Poetry Day. Of course, I rejoiced for a couple of weeks as brief bits of verse

of were read on television — even though the choice of poems (as the ghosts of Rudyard Kipling and Philip Lar-kin will testify) was often per-verse. And I was delighted to discover that, in schools all over Britain, pupils were in-spired to try their hands at a couplet or two. I hope that they will be en-couraged to try again next week and the week after. For

what worries me most about a

poetry day is the implication

that, when midnight comes,

we close the books and put them away for another year.

Only a country which does not

regard poetry as part of its

have an opera day in Italy. Roy Hattersley The whole exercise was patronisingly reminiscent of the Victorian ambition to bring culture to the working classes. An actress in a little black dress reading had verse in a

five-minute television slot is the literary equivalent of the squire's lady taking soup to sick farm labourers. And I did not need to be reminded of how inadequate the nation's normal poetic diet has Unfortunately, much of what went on during and be said of the royal family and around Poetry Day confirms that at least in this one particiney, who drove the Spanish ular, we have much to learn from the Victorians and Elizabethans. In those two golden ages of the language every-

that poetry was meant to make us glad, and realised that enjoying all its pleasures sometimes involved a little thought The BBC, on the other hand, promoted Poetry Day in the apparent belief that poetry can be written, as well as read,

body who could read knew

as "poets" were employed to in the greatest poetry this compose instant verse about the day's events. I have tried was the natural form of poputhe day's events. I have tried to imagine how William Shakespeare would have replied if the Earl of Southampton had asked him to rush out a couple of quick sonnets. The glory of that age was that poetry, if not taken for granted, was accepted as something that all civilised people read and tried to write. The court of the first Eliza-beth was a hotbed of iambic pentameter as well as of in-trigue. I doubt if the same can

ney, who drove the Spanish out of the Low Countries, wrote A Defence Of Poetry, which helped to establish the undeniable truth that great ideas can be carried by the English language just as well as they can be conveyed in Latin or Greek. A comparable work seems unlikely to emerge from the model of a modern major-general

In Elizabethan England. even the pirates were poets. And the young men who who him to be a professional foot-

daily life would celebrate its without any obvious intellected existence for a carefully-prescribed 24 hours. They do not as "poets" were employed to in the greatest poetry this sional foothallers have a carefully-prescribed 24 hours. They do not as "poets" were employed to in the greatest poetry this sional foothallers have a carefully-prescribed 24 hours. otherwise. And most profes-sional footballers have a healthier respect for English literature. For some time, he lar entertainment. These days did nothing except give a clear with the New Globe gloriously impression that he has never read a book in his life. Then open, we keep being told that Shakespeare's audiences he gave the waiting world his fought at the back of the audi-torium and threw oranges at opinion of poetry. Too few words, he said. the players. How much better to behave badly during a pro-

Poetry tries to compress into a few lines ideas which would be better expanded over pages of prose. If there was an award of Phillstine of the Year. he would undoubtedly win it. Only in the age of mod-ern barbarism would such a man be invited onto a BBC book programme. One good thing to be said about National Poetry Day is that Ryan Sewell must have hated every minute of it.

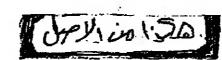
towards our primitive past, which Mr Sewell represents. did not, as some people suggest, begin when poetry be came too obscure for people to understand. It started when people discovered alternative forms of amusement which were intellectually less taxing as well as less emotionally to promote itself.

gue, is a reason for holding Po-etry Day as a loss-leader which attracts readers into the super-market of great poems.

But a brief reminder of what the nation is missing probably does more harm than good For it contributes to the perni-cious view that poetry is brought out, like a best suit, on special occasions. The artificiality of the event builds a barrier between real people

and real poetry.

There are genuine movements not so much to rescue poetry as to rehabilitate the people who have been denied its civilising influence for so long — poems on London Underground trains and at Birmingham bus stops, tabloid newspapers publishing a daily poem and the poet laureate The literary regression ahandoning the awful habit of writing majestic verse to celebrate some great event. There has been no Ode to the Disintegration of the Royal Family. Let the reunion of people and poetry be natural and therefore gradual. A national poetry day sound too much like a sales promotion. Poetry needs ...



the fish

Ros Coward

EXT time you tuck into taramasalata, think about this. It is

made from cod's roe and may well have been ripped from spawning cod which were not part of any fishing quota. The dead fish would have been chucked back in the water.

The German fleet, with no permitted cod quota, often

Quotas are already too

high, according to the Euro-

pean Commission, but they are still only a fraction of what is caught. The by-catch, fish discarded because of size

or species, is estimated to be

two-thirds the size of the offi-cial quota. Illegally landed fish add another 40 per cent. These statistics may not

arouse much concern. Sympa-

thy for fishing communities

is high, and discarding fish is

does this.

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So long, and

thanks for all



The Guardian Monday October 14 1996 **Dunkerque Diary** Alex Duval Smith

Adams ...

HAD expected an Away-day with the French National Front to resem ble a Saturday afternoon in one of the more notorious kops of European football: six-packs, 32-hole Doc Martens and offensive weapons bound with black tape. But as the Dunkerque-bound
07.22 train pulled out of
Gare du Nord, I wondered
whether I had misheard the
message about "le train de
la liberté" on 36.88 or 22

la liberte" on 36.68.07.32_ Le Pen Info. What I thought I had heard among the dozens of

neard among the dozens of social events advertised on the 0891-type number (named after the party's leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen), were details of a day-trip to Dunkerque. For the special return fare of 150 francs (£18.75), party faithful in (£18.75), party faithful in Paris could travel to the northern port in support of two local councillors fined for printing a racist cartoon

in a municipal journal.
But surely, the kindly-looking silver-haired old gent sitting opposite me was not a supporter? His only distinguishing feature was that he wore full-sized medals — including the Lê-gion d'Honneur and the Order of Merit — which clanged every time he turned a page. In conversetion, the closest he got to showing his colours was a eulogy of the Provençal lan-guage. He was pleased that the paradigm of all evil, the English language, would soon self-destruct because it is so diluted with pidgin. He had given up saying "le week-end", even though "fin de semaine" is a poor

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In my search for skinheads, I moved on to the bar but met only with a cross-section of taxpayers with hair-lengths starting at an inch and a half. A racist joke finally convinced me that I was drinking coffee from the same machine as people who want immigrants out and Aids sufferers locked up. I gave thanks for being white and thought that leshian invisibility wasn't such a bad thing. Not that — I was assured — there would have been any problem with me dropping my sexuality into the conversation.

We are a friendly party. During our demonstra-tions, people shout insults at us, saying we are racist. We just let it pass," said a dentist from Paris, "Besides," added a 24-year-old student who claimed his father was an

MP for the ruling RPR, "we have supporters of all colours — well-integrated people who want to live and die for France and who hate scroungers." He handed me a leaflet advertising the Minitel, the low-grade French equivalent of the Internet. "Are you politically incorrect?" it asked, offering the chance to "do the test everyone is talking about". This is it:-"Do you think that:

Taxes are too high.Corrupt individuals. must made to pay back stolen money.

• Cuts in family allowances are unfair. Immigration worsens mempioyment.

 Politicians forget their pledges. • Order must be restored to housing estates. Relaxing border controls worsens drug trafficking.

 The death penalty must be restored for child murderers and terrorists. Third-world production hits French firms. • Small businesses, which

create jobs, must be encouraged by cutting employers'

 French nationals should be given priority in the jobs market.

 The Common Agricul-tural Policy and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are leading French agriculture to ruin. "If you answered yes to more than nine of the ques-

tions, you think like us. If you answered yes to fewer than six, think hard while there is still time," it added.
As some 250 people got off
at Dunkerque and unfurled
national flags, I knew why

Jean-Marie Le Pen gained 15 per cent of the vote in the first round of last year's presidential elections and why his party, time and again, wins local seats. In a country where it

would be rare for a grocer's daughter or a circus artist's son to get anywhere near the corridors of power. there are thousands of people prepared to answer yes to all 12 questions.

The demonstration was peaceful and included a rollcall of 50 French politi-cians, placed under formal investigation but whose cases of alleged corruption have never come to court. Afterwards, the kindly old gent placed a wreath at Dunkerque's memorial to the dead of both world wars. The band on it read: "To those who died so that we should have the freedom

If you think about the message — and who sent it for more than three seconds, your head starts to hurt. But that is the nature of Le Pen politics.

Death and defection charges of Nazi tactics against Sinn Fein/IRA. But they also serve a tactical purpose at Westminster. What could the Westminster. What could the Dewar (frequent allies in the won't defeat Tories

Commentary Michael

White

ETER Thurnham had the air of a man who had grappled with himself and won when he and Paddy Ashdown turned up at the Liberal Dem-ocrat HQ yesterday for a rare Sunday morning press conference in an otherwise deserted, post-conference Westminster.

The defecting MP revealed that he had worn a wide-brimmed hat for disguise at his first dinner date at Ashdown's flat, and that he had bumped into his old boss, Sir Norman Fowler, on the underground on the way to a furtive meeting with the Lib Dem chief whip, Archie Kirkwood. Good le Carré stuff. But, with the exception of Winston Churchill Senior, who ratted from Tory to Liberal and back again (his career only rescued by Hitler), defectors rarely prosper. Their motives tend to be vain or expedient and professionals mistrust them.

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all-party consensus could have given a measure introduced immediately after the tragedy.

of the innocents was intoler-

after the visit. The issues are

that of the supergrass, whose testimony is used against others before he is discarded. There is no new political passport or a life in Australia for MPs. Who now remembers Christopher Brocklebank-Thurnham, 58, MP for Bol-

ton NE, is not quite in the Churchill league, but Labour MPs regarded him as sincere even when wrong. In 13 years in Parliament, the successful engineer-turned-businessman never rose beyond the rank of PPS, unpaid bag-carrier to Norman Fowler, 1987-89. Most of the time he was an

active backbencher, strug-gling to hang on to a highly marginal seat, with rightish economic views and liberal ones on social issues, like edu-cation and disability. The Thurnhams, who have four children of their own, bravely adopted Stephen, who has ce-rebral palsy. Alan Howarth and Emma Nicholson have similar experiences. It helps concentrate the mind.

In the brutish, triumphalist atmosphere which followed Margaret Thatcher's twin victories - over Argentina's Galtieri and Barnsley's Scargill such concerns did not com-mend Thurnham to the party hierarchy. With honourable exceptions, the 1983 Tory in-

Their usual fate is more like | take was as coarse as the 1997 may well prove to be. So, does the defection of a

no-hoper matter as we approach election day, unless the combined Opposition can unite to topple John Major in the next few weeks? Not in terms of Thurnham's future. Unlike Howarth, a similar type who went to Labour, or Nicholson, who wants a Euroseat, he is giving up. Nor does it matter in the

numbers reckoning. Thurn-ham was already listed as an "independent" since resigning the Tory whip over the Gov-ernment's handling of the Nolan and Scott reports. Though the media talk constantly of a wafer-thin overall Tory majority, the figures that matter still leave Major with 334 MPs to Labour's 272, 271 since Barnsley's Terry Pat-chett died on Friday.

Death may strike again at any time, but what Tony Blair needs for the decisive

knock-out blow is not crude numbers but one issue, over which he can detach assorted from Major's flank. That will be difficult. Thus Friday's

No guns in the House

issue be? The Queen's Speech? Sleaze? Unwarranted tax cuts in the budget? BSE? Labour might win a no confidence vote on any of them. But Major is more likely to buy off the Uistermen and their grassfed cattle. A united Ireland may first happen among the beef herds of Ulster, when Catholic cows lie down with Protestant ones.

But the latest defection does matter, because it pulls away one more brick from the base of the tottering wall Major seeks to shore up. Thurnham may have been offended not even to be short-listed to represent Westmorland and Lons-dale, where he lives. But Michael Heseltine's dismissive tone on radio and TV —
"I thought he'd already gone"
— cannot disguise the fact
that a patently decent man has

said his government has "for-feited the trust and respect of the British people".

For Ashdown it is useful publicity — always in short supply, as the two-party squeeze intensifies — as well

as a useful way of reminding voters that the Lib Dems are a respectable half-way house for disaffected Tories who can't quite stomach Labour, Old or New. In Thurnham's case it was Labour's record in Bolwas Labour's record in Sol-ton's local government which made the difference: they all fight dirty on the Lancashire slopes of the Pennines, where Lib-Lab hatreds burn fierce. minorities, especially David But none of that need worry Trimble's nine Unionists. Blair, who welcomed the

decision.

Blair has rightly grasped that his long-term project is to prime ministerial taunts at that his long-term project is to Gerry Adams — "I don't believe you. Mr Adams" — were amply justified after the Lisburn bomb and John Bruton's an anti-Tory majority at West-

cross-party strategy over Scottish devolution) to press for a wider remit for the new cash-

for questions investigation. The measure of Tory desperation comes in the "New Labour, old school tie" jibes in Bournemouth, and the "Phoney Tony" and "Smarmy Army" stuff which Heseltine. and even squeaky-clean Stephen Dorrell, were ped-dling this weekend. On BBC Newsnight, Heseltine had the cheerful gall to detect "the Americanisation of politics"

in Blair's smile. This all comes from Tory private focus groups among its focus groups have picked up the same message — but noted that those people who say "Blair, he'll say anything to win" are the Tory-inclined

ones, looking for an excuse not to vote for change. Major's team is searching for a "Windbag Kinnock" theme; 1992's "Tax and Kin-nock" battle cry is unlikely to work in 1997 — Blair is not Kinnock, and the Tories tax. too. Blair's polling strength remains that he is seen as strong, fresh and addressing the future.

Even if the Tory Euro-truce holds through Jimmy Gold-smith's pseudo-conference in Brighton next weekend, Ma-jor's restored momentum remains weak. It is simply il-lustrated by his slip of the tongue over Ken Clarke's grammar school education which wasn't. His prepared text had Major referring to Gillian Shephard's grammar school past. In a moment of euphoria, he substituted his privately-educated mate. Ken. On TV, you could see the Chancellor flinch.

hardly a traditional image of cruelty. But attitudes may have to change. This week, Atlantic cod and haddock will be added to the list of species "at risk of extinction" pub-lished by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the first inclusion of species. Atlantic cod were de-clared functionally extinct in 1992 when Canadian fisheries collapsed and show no sign of recovering. North Sea cod are going the same way.

Fish no longer reach matu-rity, the average size dropping dramatically to 3kg today. Fish fingers may not evoke images of culls but we may have to recognise that fish are also wild species hunted to extinction. Currently, politics and eco-

nomics dominate British thinking on fish. Politicians worry about the impact of quotas on hard-pressed com-munities. On the Fife coast this summer, one old fisherman told me how only 50 years ago, 100 fishing boats filled St Monans' harbour. Now one hi-tech trawler remains, currently on sale, likely proposals, he would be the man charged by his gun club with the security of those quotas, no one could legally make such prices worthwhile.

supported Greenpeace's cam paign against Denmark hoothe public let them get away with that? Can the Governvering up sand eels — a basic marine food source - off the ment seriously claim that be-Wee Bankie. They also worry cause a ban on keeping hand-guns at home goes further than the much-derided Select about the destruction of juve nile stock, either as by-catch or taken illegally and fla-grantly by the Spanish. Committee report, it is an adequate response to Dunblane? People who condemn bull-Will the Labour Party, having

the North Sea. As tourists, disputes will be fish.

they do not object to being served a plate of juvenile fish. Given the multiple problems of cattle, bullfighting may be one of the better ways of managing excess male calves. But eating juvenile fish and the products of industrial fishing may have grave consequences by exhausting the sea and destroying the complex chain of ocean ecology.

It's difficult to care about

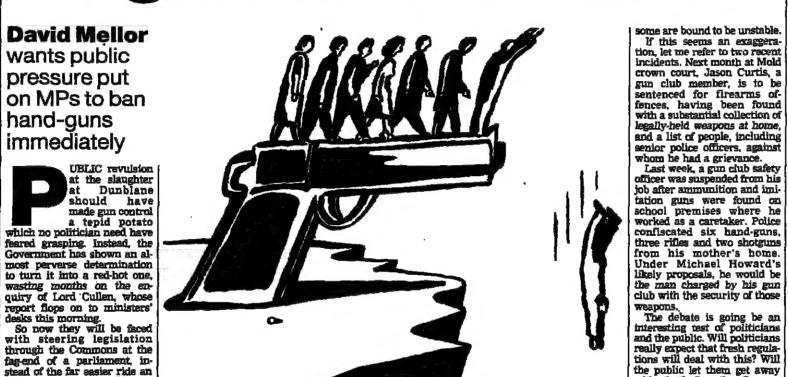
fish. They are easy food for an exponentially increasing population. We all benefit oil from those sand eels finds its way into our biscuits. But attitudes to animals are also mainly governed by concern about cruelty to sentient species, or affection for attractive species. Fish don't come into either category. This is a problem for WWF which has recently put the marine environment at the forefront of its agenda. Fish lack "cuddle-ability" which makes fundraising difficult.

But is it really necessary to do for fish what Peter Scott did for birds? Sometimes attempts to attribute individ-uality and rights to species just end up in deep water. This summer Roger Scruton's pamphlet on Animal Rights and Wrongs provoked unex-pected reaction from Melanie Phillips and Suzanne Moore, who poked fun at campaigners asking whether head-lice or rats should have equal rights with more useful or attractive species. No one mentioned biodiversity. Yet this is a much more important concept than rights: it fast-reproducing commercial defines the relation between species. Atlantic cod were de-

The oceanographer Sylvia Earle, at this week's Wildscreen festival, is promoted as the person who will make fish sexy. But biodiversity is the cornerstone of her ideas about marine conservation Her book, Sea Change, argues that terrible damage is being inflicted on the oceans, because we imagine fish can indefinitely reproduce them-selves, that dumping poison and damaging the oceans will have no effect. The earth, Earle says, is a marine environment and no one knows the consequences of disrup tion of ocean ecology.

Earle argues for a precau

tionary approach. We should not risk destructive methods of fishing if we do not know the consequences. At the very least, there should be marine reserves and an increase in protected areas for spawning. Fishing management should be based on inter-species de-The debate is going be an interesting test of politicians and the public. Will politicians is similar than the public will politicians of industrial and the public will politician the public will be applied to the pendency. But the complex-ities of protecting fish are mecies. Osh are resource and wildlife. Their environment is vast, and pat terns of migration make polit-ical boundaries irrelevant. Currently, enforcing fishing limits seems an unrealistic dream. Yet wider issues will have to be addressed. All human life depends on the fighting have nothing to say oceans. Forget religions: the about Spanish activities in next major source of world



A.KRAWYE It need not have been like led to an agreed programme this. When John Major and action, with legislation on the statute book before the recess. Tony Blair stood together at Dunblane, the nation was Instead, the Government turned to Lord Cullen. When will it learn not to give politiable, not least because the man who did it, misfit though he was, was permitted by law to keep an arsenal in his flat. club fanatic — something which is a judge's job — but to severe has to be done to reassure the public. sure the public.

That shared endeavour to is not. If that's the way to do it, why bother to have a govern-ment? We could make do with a standing commission of the resolve an issue beyond party politics should have continued judiciary to handle those issues legislators find so

well-known. Less than decade before, another maniac with a licence killed more than a But it has now dawned on ministers that getting Cullen to do their dirty work might not be so clever if he falls after that, a whole category of semi-automatic weapons was taken out of circulation, after a bitter perliamentary fight with gun lobby MPs. That it is below levels of expectation, proposing, like Scott, many de-tailed recommendations, but now time to rid Britain of guns missing the big picture. Until this weekend, minisis clear to all except those charged with the responsi-

reasoning is as threadbare as the Home Affairs Select Committee's report, the public response will be equally contemp tuous. So Sunday's newspapers were full of briefings, presumably from Michael Howard, that regardless of Cullen's proposals there will be a ban on keeping hand-guns at home. If Culien's recommendations are to be rejected, sight unseen, why bother with him at all?

I hope Cullen will recom-mend a ban on hand-guns, But that is unlikely. It is the politi-cian who says, here I stand, I can do no other, not the judge. Judges operate within a frame-work of law set by others, and determine what conclusions are to be drawn given the evidence and the available body of law. So nit-picking is inevitable. And that is why a judge, however distinguished, is the wrong choice for job the Cabinet should have em-

led to an agreed programme of | now seem aware that if his | single-shot .22 calibre pistols as used in Olympic competition, that would take out of circulation 200,000 licenced hand-guns, and end the growth of an American past-time which gun club lobbyists call the fastest-growing sport in Britain. That lobby has no answer to the evidence that murders by shooting are greater in societies where guns are freely available. Nonfire-arm murder rates in the US are less than three times the rates here. But gun-related murders are 50 times higher, and hand-gun-related ones 150 times higher. If we import the American way of life, we must

Nor can the present licencing system weed out misfits. Of the 57,000 hand-gun licences in Great Britain, 80 per cent allow multiple possession. Substantial arsenals can be amassed at home. The refusal rate for certificates is minibility of carrying it out.

After Dunblane, intense inter-party talks could have be enacted, just like that. They altogether, perhaps excepting that culbarked upon.

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If hand-guns were banned though most gun club members are entirely law-abiding.

moved on to the ground the Government foolishly vacated, and adopted the banning of hand-guns, now join Michael Howard in the muddled middle of this argument? George Robertson was yes terday quoted as saying a ban on keeping hand-guns at home is Labour's bottom line. Does that mean there will be a sorry stitch-up between the front benches? As Robertson (who lives in Dunblane) should know, the public deserve bet-ter than this and I hope they expect the American way of death. will insist on getting it.

Many MPs will vote for compromise acceptable to the gun lobby because they be-lieve that though the public favours a total ban on handguns, it will not decide its vote on this issue — whereas gun club members will. We must disabuse our MPs of that no-

munist countries to the east.

The SNP is undamnted. It



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Larry Elliott assesses the Scottish National Party's policies count the exceptional costs

MANIFESTO

AINSTREAM politicians tend to avoid innovative ideas, preferring the safe issues they already know. This column, in the months leading up to the election, will seek to widen the debate by offering them (and voters) a fresh, constructive and ingenious set of policy proposals.

We invite any group or individual to offer suggestions big or small — for inclusion. Provided they are not illogical, illegal or insane, they will all be considered. As polling day approaches, panel of experts will judge which deserve to be taken . up by our political masters and put to the people.

For instance, in a London dominated by chattering class expectations of a Blair government, the Scottish National Party barely was rants a mention. But north of the border, the SNP is riding high in the polls and is

close to grabbing a serious number of Scottish seats. Little attention has been paid to the SNP's main pol-icy idea — independence in Europe — but it is an issue that may worry Labour as The case for IIE is simple. First, there is all that lovely

oil. Some 90 per cent of the UK's North Sea tax revenues come from rigs in Scottish waters, worth £3 billion a year (and rising) to a newly formed government in Edinburgh. Second, Scotland's economy has suffered from being run from Westminster. There was no boombust cycle in the late 1980s. and the gyrations in monetary policy were positively harmful. Third smaller countries have prospered in Europe.

Ten of the EU's members are small nations, and an independent Scotland with its reliance on exports would punch above its weight, secure financial assis-tance from Brussels and attract even more inward investment in its booming electronics sector. The SNP looks enviously across the

sea to Ireland, where growth is so strong that on current trends it will have higher per-capita incomes than the UK by the end of the century. Opponents of Scottish independence argue that severing the link with the rest of the UK would have disastrous economic consequences. There is, for example, the fact that Scotland

currently gets more than its

fair share of public expendi-

ture, even taking into ac-

of delivering services to remote areas. Put bluntly, SNP critics say, the hated Sassenachs are subsidising those wonderful Scottish education and legal systems we hear so much about. In addition, there is the

question of what HE means in terms of monetary policy. If it was inappropriate to have Scottish interest rates set in London, how much more inappropriate will it be for them to be set by the European Central Bank in Finally, Scotland's rela-

tions with the EU may not be the bed of roses the SNP anticipates. As a mature economy. Scotland has far less scope for a period of rapid catch-up growth than Ireland had, and would be a net contributor to an EU budget in which any limited financial assistance is likely to be focused to the former com-

says Government figures showing that Scotland had Westminster in 1993-4 were distorted by the cost of the recession, argues that pub-lic-spending comparisons do not include those areas (defence procurement and the Civil Service) where southeast England cleans up. It believes that parcelling up the North Sea into Scottish and English segments could be done painlessly, on the basis of which country cur-

rently has legal jurisdiction. Whatever the merits of the SNP case, this last point is certainly optimistic. Would London cede North Sea revenues to Edinburgh without a prolonged and bloody fight? The constitutional lawyers are already licking their lips.

Please send brief proposals and responses to: Another Manifesto, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER (tax 0171 837 4530; e-mail manifesto@guardian.co.uk). An enormous response means we received, but we will teature a reader's idea next week

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Beryl Reid

Sketch into portrait

character actress late in life brought the tech-niques and attack of a standstraight plays. These ranged from Joe Orton's Entertaining Mr Sloane to Romeo and Ju-liet, in which she played the nurse in the 1974 National Theatre production. Her career spanned music hall and the Royal Shakespeare Company, and took her into films and television.

The play that made her name as an actress willing to take on controversial parts was The Killing of Sister George, about lesbian powerplay amongst the women of a radio soap opera. She had already reached a wide public in the 1950s on BBC radio's Educating Archie comedy series as Monica, the dreadful mealy-mouthed schoolgirl hate her!") and Marlene, the streetwise Brummie proto-

Born in Hereford, she first announced she was going on the stage at the age of four, a year after she started to learn dancing. In Manchester she went to the "progressive" Lady Barne House School so many scrapes that she was to the strict Leven-

Keith Boyce

cricketer as a dynamic one-

ment, technique and athleticism for the limited over

game: happiest of all beiting the ball out of the ground,

making it hard to score runs off him. Yet those moments of

apparent batting levity (they

were never quite that) should

not obscure his solid worth in

day player. Keith Boyce, who

her a "secure" job at Kendal Milne's, Manchester's answer to Harrods, where she broke things in the china depart-ment but excelled at

She won a concert party audition playing a character she had created called Ethel, a hotel maid collecting guests' shoes from outside their rooms and giving impres sions of their owners. This gave her a season at Bridling-ton at £2 a week in 1936.

When war broke out she au-ditioned for the forces entertainment organisation ENSA and went on tours with the Dagenham Girl Pipers. Her first big success was in How-ard and Wyndhams' Half Past Eight Show, for which she wrote 472 sketches in one

Her reputation grew with her constant exposure on the BBC's Variety Bandbox and Workers' Playtime radio shows, through which she met her first husband, the producer Bill Worsley. She introduced the then unnamed Monica character at the Playhouse Theatre at Charing Cross, where the bandleader Henry Hall saw her and took her on to Henry Hall's Guest

dian Max Wall for a year and with the man who became her

could transform a match. He

took nine wickets for 61 on his

debut for Essex, against Cam-

bridge at Brentwood, and Tre-

Boyce stayed with Essex

from 1966 until 1977 when a

knee problem put a premature

end to his career. In those

early days, the county was far

from affluent and at one stage

the playing staff had to be

reduced to a dozen. Brian

Taylor was then doing a good

job as captain; but young players like John Lever, Ray East,

needlessly pejorative who, in one theatrical over.

to score 1,000 runs and take vor Bailey knew with a cer-

Making the day for Essex

THERE remains some and occasionally batsmen David Actield and Boyce were bowlers, he reached his cen-thing slightly and quake He was an all-rounder emerging to lift Chelmsford tury in 58 minutes, the fastest

100 wickets in the John tainty that his judgment. purposeful run that preceded Leicestershire held out for a Player League. He had based on a scouting visit to a delivery of real zip. They addraw, but the match still bequintessentially the temperature of the Caribbean, was spot-on.



Love and laughter . . . Beryl Reid in 1966, and below in her television role in Smiley's People

At the tiny Watergate Theatre in the Strand, she realised that she could create characters by studying their feet, their shoes and their walk. Despite solo variety success, including a record year's run at the Palladium she wanted to work with other people. So it was in 1965 that she accepted the star part in The Killing of Sister George from impresario Michael Codron. Its lesbian motif was thought so deprayed on its preliminary provincial tour that at Hull the shopkeepers

The crowd instantly took to this vibrant young Barbadian.

Their murmurs rose to a

crescendo of expectancy as he

the field and pounced for the

ball, or held his catches in the

slips. In 1969 at Ilford the

Hampshire attack made negli

stroked and at times smote his

He had one wonderful

match in 1975 against Leices

tershire at Chelmsford, Flail-

ing a dispirited assortment of

highest 147 not out.

hustled up to the wicket on his slip catches. Eventually

Once in London, however, both the play and Reid's second career as an actress took off. She transferred the role to New York and won a Aldrich-directed film of the play with Susannah York and Coral Browne and played in the stage and film version of Joe Orton's Entertaining Mr Sloane. Her other films include The Belles of St Trinlans, Star, and No Sex Please. We're British,

On television she was memorable in the BBC adapata ley's People. In it she played

in the championship for 38

years. This tour-de-force exhi-bition was complemented by

a match haul of 12 for 73, not

to mention several dazzling

local memories to Boyce.

There were days when he

could be almost impossible to

play; one was at Old Trafford

Born in St Peter, Barbados

his first tour with the West

Indies was to England in 1973

when he captured 19 wickets

in three Tests. One interna-

tional high point was the con-

World Cup final win over

Australia at Lord's in 1975.

The following year he fash-ioned perhaps his finest in-nings, 95 not out in the Ade-

Tests in all. Over his career,

he scored just under 9,000

Boyce was in every sense a popular county player. When he was forced to retire -

following his 1977 benefit sea-

son - he made an emotional

farewell over the loudspeaker

system. Some spectators were

in tears. Team mate Ray East,

stories, used to recall the in-

structions once given to him and Keith to defend at all

costs in the final hour, to en-

sure a draw. But Boyce kept

attempting to hit sixes. In de-

spair. East went down the

was trying to do. With flaw-

less logic, the reply came

"I'm hitting the ball as far as I

Keith Boyce, cricketer, born Oc-

lober 11, 1943; died October 11.

can to waste time!

David Foot

runs and took 852 wickets.

Test. There were 21

then he took 8 for 26.

service head of research, and one of George Smiley's exlovers, whose memories he coolly taps in the course of She was also the grandmother in Sue Townsend's The Secret

Beryl Reid, who was given dren by either of her mar-riages. Her autobiography So Much Love was published in

Dennis Barker

Bervi Reid, actress, born June



Rex Tucker

A passionate pioneer at the dawn of television drama

THE TELEVISION writer productions. We shared a be-and director Rev Tucker, lief that childrens' drama who has died aged 83, was associated with drama all his working life. Born in the Isle of Ely, educated at Cheltenham Grammar School and Jesus College Cambridge, he moved into BBC Radio Drama in 1937, writing and directing The Single Taper, was used for years as an example for aspiring radio dramatists.

In 1950 he moved into BBC do so from radio — the bulk of telestision drama directors then came from the theatre When I started, we were all starting," Tucker later said. "and it was not the sort of thing that serious people did Radio tended to sneer at its

poor cousin. The 1950s were rich in directors who were determined to establish television drama as an art in itself — not a poor relation of theatre, nor a cheap way of making cinema films. Tucker began in childrens' television drama. It was then a large department with a considerable output which included a Sunday family serial, a play almos every week, light entertainment and series like Huw Wheldon's All Your Own. Rex directed many of these serials and plays, including The Sil ver Swan. A Florentine Fresco, Pig-Hooey, and special Christ mas offerings like The Three Princes, The Sleeping Beauty and an award-winning Alad din. Rex's production of The Three Musketeers was transmitted live twice in a day -once in the afternoon for chil-

adults. He also directed an immensely popular children's western, The Cabin In The Clearing. I had joined the dent from the theatre shortly after Rex, and I was associated with many of his

must never write down, talk down, or act down to them. In 1960, he moved into evening television and contrib-uted many fine productions — Hemingway's A Farewell To Arms and For Whom The

Madame Bovary and The Pretender. Also a unique short serial about the first sub marine - Triton. He adapted the very first colour classic serial - Vanity

Bell Tolls, Huxley's After

Fair - following this with Sinister Street and A Pin To See The Peepshow. He had a particular talent for adaptation, recognising that, while



Tucker . . . adaptive talent

the original novel it must not be a paralysing over-rever-His passion for good drama

as strong and undeviating. All who worked with him will remember him with respect and affection.

Shaum Sutton

Rex Tucker, television writer 1913; died August 10, 1996

Rene Lacoste

Last of the musketeers

keteers who dominated 1920s tennis. Lacoste, Le Crocodile, was regarded by his Davis Cup colleagues, Jacques "Toto" Brugnon, Jean Borotra and Henri Cochet as their

patron.

Between 1927 and 1933 the four Frenchmen captured the Davis Cup from the Ameri-cans, and plundered the Grand Slam championships. Between 1924 and 1929 they divided between them nine French, six Wimbledon and three US titles.

Never physically robust, La-costs spent bours on the pracof the baseline game. Legend has it that he actually wore a hole in the practice wall at home. His patient, errorless game was highly effective on his native clay courts and solutions. brought him singles wins in Paris in 1925, 1927, and 1929 and in doubles with Borotra in 1925 and 1929. Yet, such was the accuracy

of his passing shots, so astute his use of the lob, so deep his knowledge of opponents' weaknesses — the little black notebook was legendary — fhat he also succeeded twice each on the grass courts of Wimbledon (1925, 1928) and Forest Hills (1926, 1927). His second American win against Bill Tilden, was a gruelling two-and-a-half hour 11-9, 6-3, 11-9 victory in which his opponent repeatedly changed his tactics and was repeatedly outmanoeuvred. The New York Times' Allison Danzig rated it the best tennis match he or anyone else was ever Born in Paris, the son of Hi-

spano-Suiza's general man-ager, Lacoste was a shy young man, who first picked up a racquet aged 15 on holiday in England and was immediately absorbed by the challenges and chess-like patterns of the game. His father hoped he would be interested in manufacturing motorcars and at least attend the polytechnique. But Rene persuaded his father to allow him to defer his further education "pro-vided that within that period you become the number one player in the world", he was told. So began months of endeavour under the eye of his coach, Darsonval. Observation, recorded in his notebook. tactics to defeat his interna-

tional rivals: To Lacoste the most satisfying result of all was the second win against Tilden in 1927 that brought France the Davis Cup for the first time. According to Bobby Abdesselam, himself French Davis Cup player and Lacoste's lawyer since 1949, it was on the unsuccessful 1926 Davis Cup campaign that the crocodile legend was born. Lacoste noticed in the window of a Boston leather goods shop a magnificent, shining, black crocodile

ENE Lacoste who has leather suitcase. Turning to the French captain, Pierre CR youngest and last survivor of the Four Muscoste said: "I think you might buy me that lovely crosodile case captain." Only when you have beaten Th den," replied Gillou

From that day Lacoste would wear on the breast pocket of his white team blazer a large crocodile — and he plotted the downfall of Tilden. The next year in Philadel-phia, when the cup had been won, Gillou kept his promise Lacoste got his suitcase. The world would experience

a revolution in sports clothing Lacoste already had the germ of the idea. About this time he had asked the famous Lacoste label in 1983. Typi-cally painstaking, for five years before that Lacoste had been perfecting the manufac-turing techniques with Jack

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Izod in London. Until that moment everyone had played in long-sleeved white shirts with the sleeves rolled up.

So began another career, one that would have delighted his father, as the multi-million pound Chemise Lacoste empire grew to its present position as one of the leading de-signer labels. But the things which pleased Rene in his later years were the successes of his growing and united family. He is survived by his wife daughter

grandchildren. The eldest son, Bernard, is now president of Chemise Lacoste which became a limited also involved in the busine Michel is a successful banker and Catherine, a housewife and mother, is famous in he own right as the winner of the 1969 US Open golf championships as an amateur, an achievement that Rene was particularly proud of. The man may have gone but the legend lives on.

Rene Lacoste, lennis player born July 2, 1904; died October 13 1996

Birthdays

Lord Barnett, former deputy | 61; Joe Hyman, founder, Vichairman, BBC governors, 73; Eva Beck-Coulter, writer and journalist, 55; Reginald Bottini, former agricultural workers leader, 80; John Boyd, HM Chief inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, 63; Lady Brittan, deputy chair, Equal Opportunities Commis-sion, 56; Roland Butcher, cricketer, 43; Steve Cram, athlete, 36; Vivian Davies, Egyptologist, 49; Thomas Dolby, rock keyboard player, 38; Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, vice-chancellor, University of East Anglia, 58; John Grif-fith, professor of public law, 78; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, 65; Justin Hayward, rock singer, 50; David Hinchcliffe,

Labour MP, 48; Prof Victor

worst of all a bit odd. Take

two of the most spirited Con

servative commentators, Mr

yella International, 75; Wiliam Jarvis, racehorse trainer, 36: Peter Jonas, general director, Bavarian State Opera, 50; Prof Kay-Tee Khaw, gerontologist, 46, Sir Richard Luce, vice-chancellor. University of Buckingham, 60: Shula Marks, Prof of Southern African History. Soas, 60; Roger Moore, actor. 69; Francoise Pascal, actress, 47; Cliff Richard. singer, 56: John Roques, chief executive, Touche Ross, 58; Roger Taylor, tennis player, 55; Christopher Timothy, actor, 56; Carole Tongue, Labour MEP, 41; Kieran Tunney, playwright, 74; Alan Williams, Labour MP, 66; Derek Wood QC, Labour MP. 48; Prof Victor principal, St Hugh's College, Hoffbrand, haematologist, Oxford, 59.

Jackdaw



Dialect duff

MISSIONARIES face the challenge of "contextualisa tion", but it's a problem for multi-nationals too: The name Coca-Cola in China was first rendered as Ke-kou-kela. The company did not dis-cover until after thousands of signs had been printed that the phrase means 'bite the wax-tadpole" or "female horse stuffed with wax", depending on the dialect. In Tai-wan, the translation of the Pepsi slogan, "Come alive with the Pepsi generation came out as "Pepsi will bring your ancestors back from the dead. "When General Motors introduced the Chevy Nova in

South America, it was apparently unaware that "no plummeting sales, it renamed the car in its Spanish markets to the Caribe. Parker Pen mar-keted a ballpoint pen in Mexico. Its ads were supposed to say "It won't leak in your pocket and embarrass you." However, the company mistakenly thought that the Span-ish "embrazar" meant embarrass. Instead, the ads read. "It won't leak in your pocket and make you pregnant." Hunt-Wesson introduced its Big John products in French Can ada as Gros Jos before finding out that the phrase, in slang, means "big breasts". In this case, however, the name prob lem did not have a noticeable effect on sales. Spotted by Simon Cansdale on the notice board of a Christian

Keith Boyce in action for Essex against the Australians in 1977; the batsman is David Hooks

New element THE heaviest element known to science was recently dis-covered. The element, tentatively named Administratium, has no protons or electrons and thus has an

atomic number of 0. How-ever, it does have 1 neutron, 125 vice neutrons, and 111 as-sistant vice neutrons. This gives it an atomic mass of 312 The 312 particles are held together by a force that in-volves the continuous exchange of meson-like parti-cles called morons. Since it has no electrons, Administra-tium is inert. However, it can be detected chemically since it impedes every process with which it has contact. According to the discoverers, a minute amount of Administratium caused one process to take four days to complete when it would have normally occurred in less than one second. Administratium has a normal half-life of approxi-mately three years, during which time it does not actually decay but, instead, undergoes a reorganisation in which executive vice neutrons, vice neutrons, and assistant vice neutrons candomly change position. It tends to concentrate at cer-tain points such as government agencies and can be found in the newest and best

maintained buildings. Scientists point out that Administratium is known to be toxic at any level and can easily destroy any productive reac tion where it is allowed to accumulate. Attempts are being made to determine how Administratium can be controlled, but results are not promising. Science chat at http://fiction. isdn.uivc.edu/tidbits/reli-

gion: administ.html Thanks to Gordon Joly.

What a guy

"THOSE who don't know his background could easily think he got all the breaks. As they look at him today and see this fine and refined gentleman, they would assume he's always been wealthy. He lives in the exclusive Brentwood district of Los Angeles. drives a luxurious car, and has his elegant office (furnished against tones of brown and rust with wood and suede) in an elite bank building. He is now a busy executive with his own production company. He personally han-

affairs and business negotiations. He has contracts with the media and various entertainment firms and agencies In today's terms Oren has it wouldn't be surprised made. I wouldn't be surprised if he didn't have a statue of an eagle somewhere in his office — what a guy! But don't think for a minute that he isn't thankful. His memory of the past only heightens his gratitude for all he now enjoys. The home in Brentwood, the many successful careers in-cluding football. That plush office with his name on the loor belongs to Orenthall James Simpson. Yes, none other than "The Juice" ---

O J Simpson. How the proud do fall. Extract from What a Guy, in Living Above the Level of Mediocrity by Charles R Swindoll. Thanks

Cash fall

BRITISH "sleaze" is small stuff by comparison with the in Italy or the United States but it is enough to spread the impression that they are all dles most of his own financial on the take. If even half of

Mohamed Al Fayed's allegations to the Guardian are even half-true, the Harrods supremo was lubricating the lifestyle of half a dozen Tory MP's, much as an eighteenth century Duke would treat his men in the parliament to keep them biddable.

We used to think of Conservative MP's as pompous, respectable, well-padded dullards; now one is more likely to think of them as loud mouthed, financially dicey. inclined to lechery, and



Alan Clark and the Revd Digby Anderson; the one a vegetarian dedicated to lust. but averse to gluttony; the other a fanatical carnivore passionate for gluttony, yet repelled by sexual indulgence. Colourful certainly, endearing possibly, but not exactly men of bottom, at least in the old fashioned sense of the phrase. Ferdinand Mount describing further falls from grace in the TLS.

Cash crop

AN ARMED Lithuanian bank client demanding the return of his \$11,000 deposit accepted his punishment with a smile — a 10,000 lit (\$2,500) fine and one year in prison. Vladas Kukys achieved notoriety this past June when, wielding two pis-tols, he charged into the office of the acting administrator of the insolvent Lithuanian Joint-Stock Innovative Bank and demanded his money. He was arrested the next day,

but with empty pockets. He said he had spent the entire night drinking and was unable to locate the money. One way to get at your bank manager. Reported in the Baltic Times.

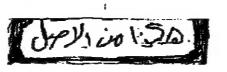
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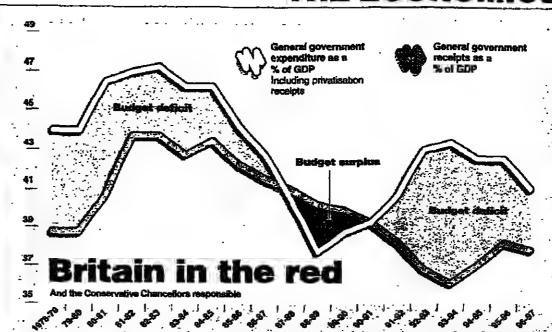
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ELECTION BATTLEGROUND/Budgetary planning is set to be a key campaign issue

Flights of fancy to tax voters' credulity



Larry Elliott

The Guardian's **Economics** Editor bemoans the sterility of the debate about fiscal policy

RE you ready for the great Dutch auction over tax? You'd better be. The next six be a head-to-head struggle be-tween Kanneth Clarke's 20p basic rate and Gordon Brown's 10p starting rate. After 17 years in power, the to bring the debete about fiscal policy down to this level. And, frankly, it's depressing, not to say absurd — the equivalent of people fantasising about what they will do

when they win the lottery. Yet every cloud has a silver lining. One side effect of this endless wrangle about tax is that there will be an overdue reassessment of fiscal policy. For too long, the idea that Governments can regulate the economy through tax and spending decisions has been dismissed as a Keynesian con-

ceit. But, fiscal policy does have an impact. It mattered in the late 1980s, when Nigel Lawson's tax cuts helped send the economy into a vortex of over-consumption and it mattered when Norman Lamont rediscovered the loys of counter-cyclical tax breaks during the recession in 1991. The 217 billion of tax increases in the two 1993 bud-

gets squeezed demand, even though the fiscal retrench-ment was modest in relation to the post-Black Wednesday monetary easing. Primarily, the Lamont-Clarke increases kept the brake on consumer spending, allowing economic growth to be better balanced.
This is an old lesson. Labour's post-war macroeconomic strategy under first Hugh Dalton and then Stafford Cripps relied on the use of physical controls and fiscal policy to keep the lid on consumption, thereby allowing of physical controls and fiscal policy to keep the lid on consumption, thereby allowing of physical controls and fiscal last week's institute for Fiscal 10p lower band. For the poorest with elderly parents, voters who need oppositely to keep the lid on consumption, thereby allowing of the lid on consumption of the poorest parents and the lider of the li

1951 to be pegged at 2 per cent. The policy mix was right then and it is right now. Brit-ain is nearing the end of its fifth year of growth, yet the budget deficit will still be around 5 per cent of gross domestic product and tax cuts next month can be justified

whether these will actually be delivered remains to be seen. The Prime Minister's pledge of an extra £5 billion to the National Health Service suggests otherwise. Mr Clarke is doubtless

fiscal policy. It would have an impact on long rates by fostering the belief in the City that the authorities would at some point inflate away the value of the debt. By stime ing consumption, fiscal easing would cartainly put pressure on short rates as well.

Among some on the left there is a fond belief that there is no problem with this, because it is what Keynes would have done. But Keynes was always insistent that gov-ernments should run budget surpluses in good times in order to provide the leverage for public investment when the going got rough. Nor did his model allow for Britain's endemic post-war balance of payments constraint, occasioned by its particular fondness to import.

NY doubts that the tight fiscal-loose tight fiscal-ioose monetary mix works should be dispelled by the recent record of the US economy.

Bill Clinton reduced the budget deficit; in return Alan Greenspan cut real interest rates to zero, re-floated the banking system and stimu-lated a recovery that has seen investment boom with the creation of 10 million new

jobs.
The real challenge in the UK is not whether to be tough on fiscal policy, but how to make more progressive a tax regime that over the past 17 years has become systematically more regressive.
One obvious suggestion

would be to shift the burden of taxation from poor to rich, while at the same time reduc-ing the budget deficit. This would at the same time be redistributive and benefical

for the macro-economy.

Mr Brown would say that this is precisely what he is planning and, on any basis, the Shadow Chancellor's tax proposals would be more pro-gressive than Mr Clarke's. As last week's Institute for Fiscal



the two top household deciles would be better off under Labour's proposals for a 10 per cent starting rate than they would be with Mr Clarke's 20p basic rate. Moreover, the Conservatives seem to be obsessed with abolish-ing capital gains tax and in-

read. VAT is a regressive tax because it hits the poor hard-est; income tax is progressive because it hits the rich hardest. To be fair to Mr Brown, a stated priorities for a first Labour Budget — if it can be afforded, naturally — would be to cut VAT on domestic

education, pensions. There is little sign that we are ever go-ing to damand less of these want ever more.

circle? Andrew Dilnot, the director of the IFS, has made heritance tax, which moves, be to cut VAT on domestic few friends at Westminster in the absence of a wholly im- fuel and power to 5 per cant. It for saying that we can't — un-

lt's Ken Clarke's 20p basic rate against Gordon Brown's 10p start-up. It's depressing. It's absurd. It's an illusion

probable trickle-down effect | induced by a surge in entre-preneurial activity, would benefit only the rich.

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But, as the Green Budget shows, the really progressive move would be for Labour to channel any leeway for tax reductions into cutting VAT. which would help the bottom five deciles more than either

would be refreshing to hear more along these lines, particularly since Mr Clarke has his sights set on extending

the scope of VAT. But this, we are told, is not practical politics. Practical politics be about cutting income tax. Focus groups tell us as much. But is this the way voters — voters with chilernments raise taxes to pay pay for them.

less we believe in the voodoo economics of the Laffer curve or return magically to the social inclusiveness and full

employment of yesteryear Mr Dilnot is right. In the rest of Europe, the cost of a mature, civilised Western state is higher taxation and higher spending than in the UK. The message is simple. If better schools and higher pensions, we are going to have to

> out permission even the objective fact that their station stands X miles from

Arthur Ransome, a superior writer for children, has one of his characters raise the question of whether anyone owns the North

new Nobel economics prize winner, James Mirrlees, right, says that Middle England can shoulder a bigger tax burden - whatever the

Putting the bite on the Tory heartland

VERYONE knows-death and taxes can-not be escaped. Look all have taxes in common. This does not mean that we each pay exactly the same taxes, but that the same tax rules apply to all of us. This sounds like a simple

ommonsense observation. In fact, it is the key to under-standing and describing what economic policy can achieve.

Setting a tax system mounts to choosing two income distributions: incomes efore tax and incomes after bax. A country with high marzinal tax rates on income has much more equal distribution of incomes after tax — because the state takes more from the rich to give to the poor — than of incomes be-fore tax.

It might be thought that we should only care about the distribution of after-tax incomes. Wrong. To get a high before-tax income, most peo-ple have to work pretty hard. work is less agreeable. So the original distribution of incomes is influenced by the incentives and disincentives built into a tax system; just how much harder my more able or committed neighbour works depends on how much

of the extra cash he keeps.

To answer the question, what is the best tax system? you first have to try and de-scribe the range of possible income distributions.
It turns out that the origi-

nal observation that we all have taxes in common lets us in some simplified, but quite realistic, the marginal broadly realistic, models of tax rate — for all taxes, so in-the economy. So I wrote down cluding VAT and local taxes things; on the contrary, we such a mathematical model. To be fair, a couple of very students, now professors) did the computation. When the first results came through, I thought I had made a fantastic (in both senses) discovery, but one that did not appeal to me at all. In such cases, we

blame the computer.
The computer said something like 20 per cent of the population available to work should not work. It recom-mended a high basic benefit payment to people at the lower end of the before-tax in-

VERYONE knows- | that a substantial proportion | of the population would rather not work.
Ridiculous? No, I do

think so; the result was cor-rect, for the model, but the had an unrealistically wide before-tax income distribution. In this model, that meant widely unequal abilities.

The main reason for this first, surprising, finding, was that the assumed relative productivity of the people at the bottom was so low that their chances of sarning a decent income were also very slim That meant substantial resources were required in the model to support their incomes. To raise the money

Total tax rates in the centre could well be as much as 50 per cent

required across the income information imperfections. distribution, which in turn implied high marginal tax rates even at the bottom, which acted as a disincentive to entering the labour force. And so the circle closed.

el fell to a few per cent — although not to zero. We also found that the marginal tax rates recommended were surprisingly low. In one case, which I then supposed to be as well as income tax — on high incomes was just 20 per cent, a result which is now

widely quoted. Nowadays, we recognise that the picture of the economy one should use is much more complicated, allowing for different tax treatment ac cording to age, family structure, and so on.

We have not got far enough in working out the implica-tions, but it seems that total tax rates in the centre of the income distribution could well be as much as 50 per cent come distribution, and a high marginal tax rate — so high



just to lead to some calcula-tions of tax rates. They also exemplify a fundamental relationship among economic agents, which we now call "asymmetric information". In the tax model, people know their own capabilities.

The government knows the distribution of these capabilities within the population as a whole, but does not know what any particular individual is capable of. The same can be said about an employer's knowledge of an em-ployee — and pay systems are devised to provide incentives. Asymmetric information

has been familiar to actuaries for a long time: in insurance they talk about adverse selection, when people take out in-surance because they know they are likely to need it. An employee might take out unemployment insurance be cause of rumours of a redundancy programme, which have not reached the ears of the insurer.

And the story does not stop The most obvious is when noone knows how much effort is required for a given contribution to production.

So the employer cannot tell just how hard the employee When more realistic numbers (for the distribution of abilities) were used, the unemployment level in the modors a lazy genius and get the or a lazy genius and get the same results — and so (in theory, and increasingly in practice) has to select a clever pay system to provide the right incentives. In these cases, the economic

model suggest an interesting optimal pay schedule: some-times the strongest pay incentives should be given to high and low incomes, rather than intermediate ones. The effect of take-home pay on work in-centives seems higher for the boss and the apprentice than for the middle manager.

In the tax case, that would mean the highest marginal tax rates would be in the middle rather than the top. But this is only one part of what is becoming an ever more complicated economics story. And it is clearly not a vote winner. James Mirriees is Professor of

Political Economy at the University of Cambridge

History likely to repeat itself

ISTORY shows that Kenneth Clarke will cut taxes in the Conservatives' 19th budget, the last before the General Election.

He would, however, have to bent the search of the income tax giveaway in 1981, freezing the personal allowance in cash terms which effectively cut the real value as Britain was in work miracles to beat the pre-election giveaways set by Ni-gel Lawson in 1987. Having cut the base rate from 30p to

other 2p and abolishing all tax rates above 40 per cent.

Norman Lamont set a preelection budget in 1992 which reintroduced a lower rate of income tax at 20p for the first £2,000 of taxable income and froze the basic rate and married couples allowance but it have been unmemorable. was more memorable for the | with the exception of the Condubious Treasury figures

used to justify the package.
The following Lamont budget was one of the most significant to be free of electoral con- of income tax from 33 per cent

have a hollow ring, says **Sarah Ryie**

the previous giveaways as well as mistakes which climaxed on Black Wednesday in September 1992 when sterling crashed out of the ERM. He was also responsible for

the controversial 1991 measures which raised VAT to 17.5 per cent to pay for refunds on the unpopular poll tax.

Most other budgets that have fallen just after a general election or in the middle

of the party political cycle servatives' 1979 budget. Mr Howe celebrated the Conservatives election victory with a sizeable cut in the base rate siderations. He had to use post-dated tax increases to pay for by a doubling of VAT.

recession.

In what could be the Conservatives final budget, Kenneth Clarke's repeated assurances that he will only cut taxes if the economy can stand it, have won little credence with City analysts and economic think-tanks.

Although he set out to establish himself as a cautious chancellor in November 1993 when he either froze or breaks, he undermined this image to an extent last year when he cut the base rate to 24p despite the fact that public finances were heading

deeper into the red. Given the charge levelled by the Labour Party that the Conservatives have instigated 22 tax rises since they came to power, it would be surprising if the coming bud-get failed to deliver voterwooing cuts.

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Dan Atkinson

TRICK question of the week: the last entity to be nationalised in this country was (a) Johnson Matthey Bankers in 1984 (b) the ad-outfit Transmark | ity economy? in 1979 (c) the London Fire Brigade, in the late 1980s?

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Too true, old son.

power stations were in days past You doubt symbols, emblems, logos and the like are the commanding heights of the virtual-real-

You ought to have been at Wembley last week for Eng-The answer is . . . none of land's wobbly performance

sector what all those train dos; who but a rotter would carriages and nuclear try to pass off his own sugary water as the real thing?) but that the "dy-namic ribbon device" is similarly protected.

Lest there be any doubt, the "dynamic ribbon device" is not something that makes typewriters type more quickly, nor the latest hat-decoration for Royal Ascot. It is in fact merely

on every bottle that the "bat device" is a protected symbol, but there was always the possibility that this was either an over-enthusiastic application of the Wildlife and Countryside Act or a by-product of too much West Indian sun-

It seems we did the rum boys a dis-service. Big busilast gulp was last year, and the industry in question, in half-time trying to take company the Coca-Cola run out of land, minerals, name (more detailed de- food and air routes to claim

Disneyland, and allowing the makers of a children's programme to patent the words "to boldly go".

Pole. Probably, replies a gloomy adult. Everything belongs to someone nowa-

Cycling

Belgian flat out to victory on the hills

William Fotheringham in Lugano

OHAN MUSEEUW. a ohan Museeuw, a week after declaring his intention of retiring from competition, reclaimed his place as cycling's top one-day rider by winning the world championship road race here yesterday on his 31st birthday. "I can't think of any better "I can't think of any better way of celebrating," he said

Whenever the going gets tough mechanic, threatens to return to wielding an oily rag for his father but so far his threats have always been followed by a major victory which has led him to rethink.

The Belgian is the current leader of the World Cup, a season-long competition which includes all the sport's legendary one-day Classics. He has built a colid convertion as a man solid reputation as a man with a preference for the Franco-Belgian border, where he has won cobbled Classics such as Paris-Rou-baix and the Tour of

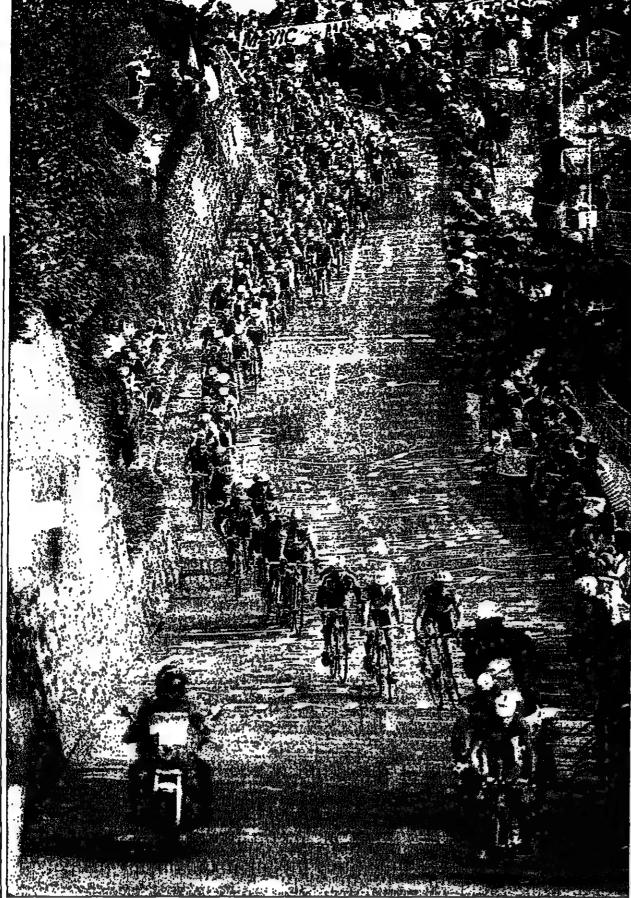
Although last year Mu-seeuw figured in some of the hillier Classics on his way to taking his first vic-tory in the World Cup, he was not listed among the favourites for yesterday's title. This was one of the championship courses for many years, featuring the legendary climb of the Crespera, which took a place in cycling history in 1953 when the Italian Campion-issimo — Champion of Champions — Fausto Coppi won the world title after attacking on its slopes.

Museeuw's victory was a

let down for the 50,000 spectators, many of whom had flocked across the border from northern Italy. The gold medal was expected to go to one of the Azzurri — the Italian national squad — or a Swiss mountain specialist such as Mauro Gianetti who fintitle race.

The Italian tifosi were packed 13-deep on the cir-cuit's two climbs, bedecked with banners, posters and even framed pictures of the late, great Coppi, and created a wall of sound whenever the peloton passed.

However, there was wild



these world championships group with 16 miles remaining to the finish. With only Museeuw for company, and three victous hills to climb, the odds were firmly on the Swise. For all that he was the best climber in the race,

a native of the Canton of had watched each other of Museeuw and Gianetti. Ticino which has hosted these world championships flat kilometres, through other man of the future day. My legs would not resflat kilometres, through the town of Lugano, the final metres were a formality for Museeuw, who in his early years had a reputation as one of cycling's fast-

est noishers.

Just behind in third was Just behind in third was medallist Max Sciandri Michele Bartoli of Italy, anbrought some of his own other one-day Classic Gianetti still could not get specialist, who was bitterly cany but, in spite of their which has included a stage rid of the Belgian, who can disappointed that the Az-banners and encourage-win of the Tour de France sprint as well as the Swiss zurri had left it too late bement on the Crespera, he and a day in the yellow celebration among the sprint as well as the Swiss zurri had left it too late behome fans when Gianetti — | can climb. After the pair | fore beginning the pursuit | was never up to the pace | jersey.

known for being the offspring of Eddy, the greatest cyclist the world has ever

Britain's Olympic bronze fans from his home in Tusto increase.

Alongside the Anglo-Italian for the first half of the race was his 36-year-old domestique Sean Yates, riding his final event in Europe before he retires after a 15year professional career

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Grand total of four for Revoque

Graham Rock

ETER Chapple-Hyam swept aside memo-ries of recent reverses at Longchamp yesterday when Revoque ran out an impressive winner of the Group One

Without being hard ridden, the colt drew clear to beat Criquette Head's Majorien by two lengths, with John Gosden's King Sound four lengths away third.

away third.
"I was always going easily." reported John Reid, who
pushed out the winner with
hands and heels. "When I
pulled him out to quicken, the

esponse was immediate. Unbeaten in four races, Reroque will now retire for the season and be prepared for the 2,000 Guineas. "Surely he's the best two-year-old in Europe," the trainer suggested. "When this horse gets

into top gear it's all over." Asked if the winner was the best juvenile he had handled, Chapple-Hyam nominated Rodrigo de Triano as possibly superior. "Revoque doesn't have quite the same accelera-tion but make no mistake, he's a really good horse," he

Bookmakers, too, were im-pressed. Both Ladbrokes and

for the 2,000 Guineas, Lad- lengths away. Swinburn said brokes' 8-1 bettering Hill's he had been hopeful when revised offer by a point; Bah-hare remains favourite at 5-1

with both firms.
Yesterday Willie Carson confirmed that he intends to resume riding next season when, presumably, he will renew his partnership with Sheikh Hamdan's Champagne Stakes winner.

King Sound finished a respectable third for John Gosden. "The form of the race looked good to me," he said. My horse will be better over further next year."
The Newmarket trainer

had an afternoon to remem-ber at San Siro, Mīlan, where Shantou led a British clean sweep in the Group One Gran Premio dei Jockey-Club and Leap For Joy defeated the English raiders Brave Edge and Hever Golf Rose in the Premio Omenoni.

Both were ridden by Frankie Dettori, who had gone a little way to recompensing bookmakers for his seventimer last month when he finished unplaced on all of his mounts at Ascot on Saturday.

"Shantou was a better horse here than when win-ning the St Leger," Dettori said after leaping from his mount, who had run on strongly to defeat Sacrament by three lengths with Strate-

down to my better mental ap-

proach. I am concentrating

far better and I'm playing the big points really well. People

have said I was all serve but my service returns are now

much better, so there is not so

much pressure on me holding

my own serve."

Becker, who has won

turing a right-wrist tendon at Wimbledon and even with-

6-3 to take the CA Trophy final in Vienna's Stadthalie.

importance for me," said a vis-

ibly moved Becker. "I was

never injured for such a long time. I was never sure if I

"For me this is like a won-

he had been hopeful when leading by a couple of lengths two furlongs out on Sacra-ment, but had not been able to respond to the winner's finishing surge, while Richard Quinn thought the going had

prquie

Choice. Gosden's assistant, William Balding, suggested Shanton might run again in the Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp on

Sunday week.
Branston Abby set a pos war British record for the most races won by a filly or 23rd success in a Listed sprint event in Munich yesterday. She was ridden by Michael Roberts, who was notching

ston's seven-year-old. The one disappointment on British came in the Velka Pardubicka, the Czech Republic's Grand National. The locally-trained Cipisek proved too strong for Irish Stamp, who finished runner-up for Norman Williamson, four and

Last year's hero Its A Snip Richard Dunwoody having made much of the running aged to complete the unique test of stamina.

Rusedski comes back with a bang

"HE season may be grind; who also reached an ATP ing on with a lot of tired legs already looking for this month, said: "It is all recess but even the most jaded armchair palate could savour the weekend's stories: Greg Rusedski won his first ATP title as a Briton and Boris Becker completed a "wonder" comeback after his Wimbledon trauma, writes Chris

Then, for good measure, came the news the women's tour could have done with months ago: Martina Hingis claimed her first senior title at the age of 16, beating Ger-6-3 in the Filderstadt tournament

The Canadian-born British No. 2 Rusedski underlined his der. I still don't fully under-recent return to form by tak- stand how I did it. It is of great recent return to form by taking the Beijing Open after a big-serving duel with the Czech world No. 77 Martin Damm. His 7-8, 6-4 victory should lift his ranking from the current 75 into the 50s.

would be 100 per cent again." The 23-year-old Rusedski, Rene Lacoste obituary, p 10

Cricket

Australia tumbled by Kumble

SACHIN TENDULKAR suf-fered the rare indignity of being out for a duck yester-day, but his batting failure paled into insignificance as victory over Australia in his first Test as India's captain.

The architect of their suc cess in the one-off match in New Delhi was the leg-spinner Anil Kumble, who followed up his four-wicket haul in Australia's first innings by taking five for 67 in their

With Australia all out for 234, despite a painstaking fifty by Steve Waugh that predrew from last week's Lyon event, was way below his best but still best the Dutchman vented an innings defeat, in-dia were left to score 56 to did at a cost of three wickets, including that of Tendulkar. India have included two squad for the forthcoming triangular one-day series against Australia and South Africa They are Punjab's wicketkeeper-batsman Pan-kaj Dharmani and the Karnataka opening batsman Sujit

Leicester runners and riders with form guide for eight races

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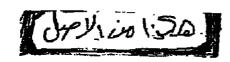
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Dunhill win for quiet **Americans**

David Davies hears a Swede told off for breach of etiquette at St Andrews

HIL MICKELSON's flare-up with Jarmo Sandelin of Sweden betrayed more than a flutter of American nerves yesterday before the United States went on to win the Dunbill Cup for only the third Dunhill Cup for only the third

Dunnill Cup for only the third time in 12 years.

Semi-final wins by Mark O'Meara and Steve Stricker had steered the United States past Sweden's Hedblom and Sjoland, but Mickelson and Sandelin's match broke that orderly pattern. They were all square at the 12th tee when square at the 12th tee when the American, according to the Swede, said: "You should show me some respect and not behave like that."

Sandelin did not immedi-ately understand what Mick-elson was compaining about, but could not deny that when-ever he holed a putt — and he had had four birdies at the point in question — he had been punching the air and celebrating in loud and, to impartial ears, obnoxious

Mickelson, who had been displaying traditional cour-tesy, congratulating his opponent with the customary "good shot" or "well played", was obviously becoming in-creasingly irritated. The final straw came on the 11th green, where Sandelin holed his putt, following it towards the hole as if with an imaginary machine gun. Asked by Sandelin what the problem was, the American replied: 'This is a friendly game." To which Sandelin replied: "I know, but I want to win it."

Outside the clubhouse where perhaps the original dialogus should have oc-curred — Mickelson later tried to explain why he had spoken out. "I believe compe-titions like the Ryder Cup. the

appointed it was not."

respectively.

Nobilo, whose victims included Joe Ozaki and Greg

and the New Zealander was done for when he found the Road Hole bunker and could not get out first time.

elson birdied from two feet to open a three-stroke gap that survived even the 17th.

The top-seeded Americans thus took first prize of £100,000 per man and the New Zealanders, seventh seeds, collected £50,000 each, a good regard for four days of golf reward for four days of golf.
All the teams present will be reassured by the sponsors' confirmation that this glorified exhibition will continue, and remain at St Andrews, for

And so to the final, in which the Americans' slightly unexpected opponents were New Zealand. The hirsute and piratical-looking Frank Nobilo slashed his way past the US's Mark O'Meara but the remainder of his crew were cut down as Greg Turner and Grant Waite lost to Mickelson and Stricker

Norman, had a very good week. He deserved it, having played in every edition of this event since it started in 1985, the only man to have done so. But Stricker had an even better one, not losing a match and proving far too much for Waite in yesterday after-noon's vital anchor role. He was five under after 12

The middle match turned on the 16th hole. Turner's putt lipped out from six feet to drop him a shot and send him back to leve! par, while Mick-elson birdied from two feet to

yesterday.

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The Texan, charged with recovering the Ryder Cup for the US at Valderrama in prime purpose of inspect-

pled with a passionate display by Ballesteros stirred the competitive juices, and when the American was handed a winning opportunity by Cabrera's failure to sink six-foot putts on the last two greens, he seized it.

The contest between the last ing the 16th green and live to make to risky attempt to cagle the but then his nerve and his putter failed him.

He allowed the American to draw level by three-putting the short 17th and was mable to respond when kite moved in for the kill.

The contest between the Ryder Cup captains was the centre piece of an enthralling day that Ballesteros began four shots behind Kite and five behind

Cabrera.
Urged on by a gallery anticipating the first Ballesteros victory since his Spanish Open success in the capital 18 months ago,

downtait.

Instead of an easy approach he had to pick his ball out of the pond guarding the 16th green and could manage only a par five and, though he birdied the 12th three putts on the the 12th, three putts on the 14th did for him.

When Kite and Cabrera both birdied the 11th via the orthodox route and remained level at 14 under after 15 holes, they had the tournament to themselves.

The Argentinian, a new-

ting the short 17th and was unable to respond when Kite moved in for the kill. hitting a sand wedge from 110 yards to within a foot for the simplest of winning putts after Cabrera again

"This is a tremendous boost for me," said Kite. "When you have been without a win for more than three years the doubts begin to set in. It gives me the impetus I am looking



Final fling . . . Grant Waite drives at the second play-off hole, where he beat South Africa's Wayne Westner to put New Zealand into yesterday's Dunhill Cop final

Kite crosses Atlantic to touch previous heights

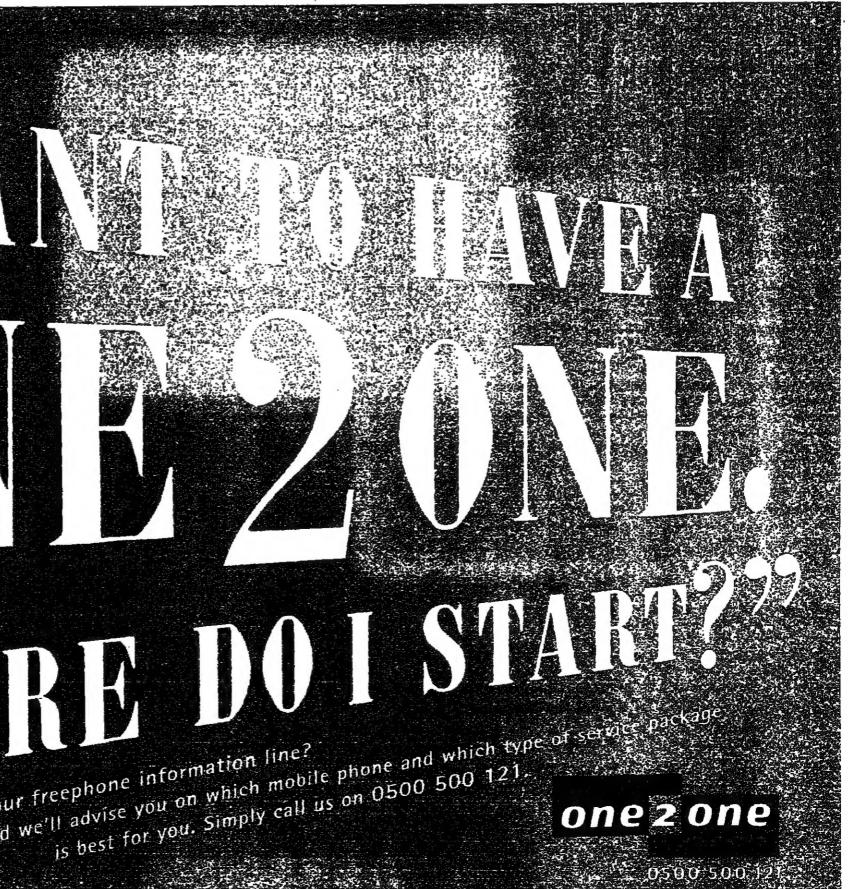
Michael Britten in Madrid on the US captain's surprise win

when he snatched the Oki Pro-Am title from the clutches of Seve Ballesteros and Angel Cabrera here

the-day 69. Expectations were low

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Motor Racing

Final salvo settles a private war of nerves

Richard Williams reveals how Hill conquered his personal demons to see off the young pretender

cle had seen that smile before, the one that beamed down from the winner's perch on the podium at Suzuka yesterday. No more anxiety, no more recriminations. It was all joy and relief, and it seemed to open a win-dow into the soul of the real

"That's our boy," cried dear old Murray Walker in the same instant, summing up the general reaction as dawn crept into front rooms around Britain. Our boy indeed. Our first sight of Hill had been as somebody's son, which con-demned him to a special and unenviable sort of treatment. Somehow he became every-body's son, to be praised and scolded and patronised as if he were our own.

Even the unsentimental Frank Williams sometimes referred to him as "our Damon", meaning to imply a degree of fondness but also conveying the hint that Hill was not to be taken quite as seriously as some of his pre-decessors and rivals.

It wasn't fair, and it didn't help. Our scepticism was something else he had to fight ainst, along with the legacy of being his father's boy, an inescapable reality which may have opened doors in the early stages but was no use at all when it came to the real business of racing. Now he has proved that, in the context of an elaborate and very public battle, a man can fight his own private war between self-belief and self-doubt, and win.

What Hill did in Japan yes-terday, in taking the title by winning the race from the front, has expunged all the humiliations heaped on his head since his vulnerabilities started to appear under pres-sure last year. It justified the ago, when he decided to reorder his priorities and adju his mentality in order to cope with whatever the season might throw at him. Now he

can live with himself. lot of the discomfort I feel is as much with myself as with anyone else," he told me on the way to a test session last winter, reflecting on his bitter failure to take the title in the previous two seasons.

ONE OF US outside "So I have to come back and the new world champion's immediate cirable to race for ever. When able to race for ever. When that time comes I want very much to be able to look back and say, 'Well, I did every-thing I possibly could, as well as I could, and I'm happy with that, whatever the result may be.' It would be awful to have to bear any other kind of feel-

> for the son of Graham Hill to have lived the rest of his life knowing that he had been unable to match his father's achievements, despite favour-able odds. In the public mind not, in Britain, necessarily a dishonourable title, but there will be widespread pleasure

neuve, and by eight wins to four. Those who browse casually through the record books in generations to come may look at those figures and infer that he cantered to the championship. But none of the 24 champions who came before longer for the title. This was a championship measured not even across a single season, for it took many years to achieve. Not just the four years that he raced a Wil-liams-Renault in Formula

ning the title would mean "a confirmation of the work I have done", he specifically meant the work that began, in signed up as the Williams test driver. In 1993 the relationship moved into a higher gear after Nigel Mansell failed to agree on a new contract with Frank Williams and Hill was given the chance to fill the vacant seat next to Alain Prost. under strict orders not to hin-

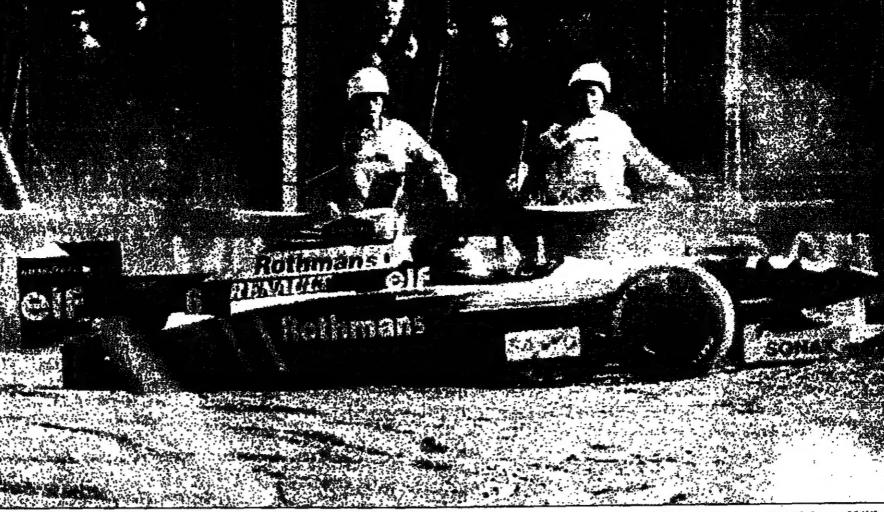
It would have been awful

he would have become an eternal nearly man. That is that it is not the prospect greeting Hill in his shaving mirror this morning. The statistics show that he

took the title by 19 clear points from Jacques Villeteam-mate Heinz-Harald cised, not least by those British drivers who considered themselves better qualified.

One, either. Maybe 15 years is a more appropriate figure, since that is when he formed the partnership with his wife, Georgie, which gave him the mental wherewithal to begin the job of racing and then to see it through until the greatest prize had been won. But when he said that win-

to his fourth title.



The challenge is over . . . Jacques Villeneuve spins out minus one rear wheel on lap 37 to dash his hopes of overtaking Damon Hill in the Japanese GP and the world title race

Nothing clouded the sense of mission accomplished with which Hill left the Williams paddock'

Ferrari yesterday, believes he will have the car and equipment to win back his title. Villeneuve will be his main opposition, together with his new Williams

Nevertheless Hill did every-

thing that could have been ex-

pected of him in that first sea-

son, winning three grands prix and finishing third in the

championship behind Prost and Ayrton Senna. He kept

the seat for 1994, hoping to hone his skills by sharing the

team with Senna, who had

replaced Prost. But when the great Brazilian was killed in

the third race of the season

Hill did not shrink from pull-ing a traumatised team

together and fighting Schu-

macher all the way through a

season in which doubts were

man's car, winning six races and losing the title by a single

point when Schumacher's

half-crippled Benetton lurched into his path during

Last year he won four races and finished runner-up again, but this time he had been

thoroughly undermined by

Schumacher's gift for psycho

the final round in Japan.

in their McLarens. The Japanese race also left question marks hanging over the long-term future of Benetton's Ger-hard Berger and Jean

moment came at Silverstone.

where a collision caused by Hill's panicky overtaking ma-

noeuvre put them both out of

a race that should have been a walkover for the Englishman.

Humiliated again by Schu-macher at Aida and Suzuka towards the end of year, Hill

took stock. "I'd been going non-stop since 1993," he said.

"and I'd run out of puff, to be

honest. I knew I was going to

win the title, and I'd lost the appetite for the competition."

During the two free weeks between Japan and the last

race in Australia, he came to

a crucial conclusion. "I didn't

have much to do, and it was too far to come home, so I had

gie and then we went to Perth and spent a few days relaxing.

I'd become a bit of a works

holic. I decided to come back

refreshed for '96, with

renewed enthusiasm for

doing what I love doing but which had become a bit of a

job of work." He cleared his mind, came

early collision with Hill and later rammed Eddie Irvine's Ferrari

Alesi, meanwhile, blotted

appeared again to plan an en-

tirely different approach to a season in which his main

threat would come from a

Frentzen, plus young char-gers such as Mika Hak-kinen and David Coulthard only narrowly avoided an first corner. Since losing Schumacher to Ferrari 12 months ago Benetton have failed to win another race and neither of their drivers emerged from this one with

champion in waiting but equally there were moments when he harnessed the performance advantage of his Williams-Renault to brilliant effect. The bottom

As for Hill, there were line is that he took the title times this season when he did not drive like a world races, becoming the eighth by winning eight of the 16 British champion since the series' inception in 1951 but only the second in the past 20 years following Ni-gel Mansell's runaway vic-tory in 1992.

his copybook by writing off | much credit. The choice was widely criti- | logical warfare. The worst | back to win the final race of | who took over the race engi-1995 at Adelaide, and then dis-

> young and ambitious new ate, Villeneuve. The factors were mental, physical, and technical. The second and third could be dealt with by extra training in the gym and relentless preseason testing with the new Williams-Renault FW18. The first was where his weak nesses had been spotted by opponents, and required

> His solution was the creation of an informal "Team Hill", headed by his lawyer and Georgie. It also included his aide-de-camp, Jamie McCallum; his friend, the photographer Jon Nicholson: the team physiotherapist, Erwin Gollner; the Daily Telegraph journalist Michael Cal-vin; an American image consultant, Mary Spillane; and in the end the team's

> chief designer Adrian Newey,

neering of Hill's car. "One of the the things that has changed for me is that I no longer feel the need to do everything myself," Hill said. Tve learnt to trust other people. I use the people around me to make my life easier, so I

can focus on driving. Profiting from Schumacher's lucrative switch to Hill began the season with three wins in a row, putting Villeneuve firmly in his place. At that point he was radiating a new-found serenity, to which Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, paid a slightly ambiguous

tribute in Buenos Aires. you're in a strong position," Head said, "and I think he's worked very bard over the winter to put himself in that position. The car's obviously pretty sound, but he's fitter than he's ever been and you can hear on the radio that he's less bothered about what Schumacher and the others mands, and nurturing a lack are doing on the track. We all of confidence in Hill's ability.

year. We went away and tried to look after our bit, and be went away and did a fair bit of thinking about his bit. At times in the past, and particularly when he's under pressure, he's been very uncertain and unconfident about what he wanted. He's got himself well organised now. He sits down and has a good clear think before he opens his mouth and starts talking. But the test comes when somebody comes back at you. The question is, will he be as serene when Benetton or Fer-

rari get their cars right?" No, he wasn't. As Schu-macher wrestled the Ferrari to three wins, and Berger althe Benetton and Villeneuve began to accumulate victories of his own. Hill's new demean our melted away with his 25 point lead. Even the presence of his entourage backfired. Irritated by the presence of a team within a team, ancry with Breen's financial de-

had a bit of a drubbing last | Frank Williams broke off contract negotiations, announce that he would be replaced by Heinz-Harald Frentzen for 1997 and, in effect, sacked Hill just as the climax of the title race approached. The brow furrowed,

eyes darkened, and the fingers twisted themselves into knots behind his back as he told reporters how relaxed he was feeling. He began to blow chances, and nerves were the cause. At Monza his bravura attack on Jean Alesi was followed by a banal error. In Estoril he was outraced by Villeneuve. And then, yesterday in Suzuka, he was flawless, So now he can look back and say that his strategy must have end it did the job.

The path to his title was littered with deceptions and obstacles. The biggest was in his own head, and it is the measure of his triumph that he was able to confront his own vulnerability and conquer it. He may not be the greatest racing driver who ever lived, but he is one heck of a man.

Boxing

Imposing Reid beats a posing Nardiello

Jack Massarik

title in the champion's own back yard, you truly deserve to grab that big belt and wrap it around your waist. Such, in essence, were the words of congratulation from Marvelous Marvin Hagler as Robin Reid became World Boxing Council super-middleweight champion in Milan on Saturday night Marvelous Marvin, as he

insisted on being known (by registered tradename) in his fighting days, was probably the greatest middleweight champion of modern times. He, too, took the title on for eign soil, bearding Alan Minter — and a hail of bottles from disgruntled Minter sup-

'You did it my way, switched to southpaw and won it with a body shot," said

OB CRUTCHLEY sal-

after the champions appeared

to be on course for a weekend of double defeat. The League's

leading scorer grabbed a late equaliser at Canterbury yes-terday as Cannock earned a

It completed an eventful

scored twice on Saturday in the 4-3 defeat by East Grin-

stead and yesterday had a

penalty saved by Canter-bury's Simon Triggs with the teams level at 3–3 before sav-

ing his side with his second

Hockey

Pat Rowley

and is developing a new fully waved the 30-year-old career in baddie parts in Ital-former policeman back on to ian movies. The career of his beat.

Reid, a former Olympic bronze medal winner from Liverpool, also looks more interesting now. He left a volatile Italian crowd in no doubt that their man Vincenzo Nardiello, counted out in the seventh round, had been beaten fair and square.

Nardiello, who afterwards claimed he had broken his left hand in the first round and fought in pain for the next six, did his best to pinch the verdict on a disqualification. Three times grabbed his foul-cup and slumped to the canvas in apparent agony. Spectators at Nardiello's

previous fights against Nigel Benn and Henry Wharton recalled similarly distressing scenes, but Frank Cappuc-cino, one of the New Jersey school of referees, was not deceived. Officiating in his 62nd Hagler, who now lives in Italy | world-title fight, he disdain-

Crutchley spares Cannock double defeat

The absence of internationals at the World Cup preliminary finally told on Cannock and their fellow pace setters

oughtonians, who also faced

After winning 2-0 against

Havant on Saturday, Loughtonians, like Cannock, lost

their 100 per cent record, go-ing down 2-1 at Barford.

Canterbury, another side without their Welsh contin-

gent, had no snswer to lan Jennings on Saturday, the Guildford player converting

four corners in a 5-2 win.

Nardiello took a count of eight in the fifth and stayed down from a left hook to the short ribs in the seventh. This was Nardiello's first defence of the title he took from South Africa's Sugar Boy Malinga
— who had taken it from Benn, who in turn had taken in from Nardiello.

This circle that could turn indefinitely. Reid will be asked to replace Nadiello in a rematch with Malinga, but he would prefere to meet the winner of the forthcoming Benn-Steve Collins rematch. First Reid and his manage Frank Warren will attend the WBC's annual congress in Buenos Aires later this month. Richie Woodhall of Telford will be there too, if be can dethrone the WBC mid-dleweight champion Keith Holmes in the United States

East Grinstead should have

won twice after beating Can-nock but allowed Teddington

to snatch a 2-2 draw

top of the Women's National League with the top two. Slough and Clifton, drawing 1-1. A drab display was lifted only by the play of Clifton's

international Tammy Miller.

At least there were some sparkie and goals elsewhere.

Kath James scored a hat-trick

in Trojans' 5-0 win over

Leicester, Tina Cullen emu-

There was no change at the

yesterday.

Guildford, Barford and Reading all had weekend doubles, with the latter two Dixon bagged a brace for lps-

winning both their games to wich in a 3-0 win over join Loughtonians at the top.

Nemeth is on

his mettle for the Steelers

ice Hockey

Vic Batchelder

SHEFFIELD Steelers Schinched a place in the next round of the European Cup on Saturday by beating Tilburg Trappers 5–1 at the Sheffield Arena.

The Steelers had recorded the highest-ever core by a British side in the competition when they defeated the Spanish chamoions Jaca 16-0 on Friday but they found the Dutch

tougher going.

Rowever with their forward line of Hand, Priestlay and Leach combining sweetly, they eventually won with ease after a player who had not ini-tially been included in the team this season put them on the road to victory.

Doubts about the fitness of the Canadian forward Steve Nemeth after an arm injury sustained last seaon meant he only returned three weeks ago. But he put the Steelers ahead after Imin 45sec of the game, 14 seconds fewer than he needed to open their scor-ing against the Spaniards.

"He still came in a little too early for us," the Til-burg coach Doug Mason said of Nemeth's late arrival this season, while the player himself said it "certainly made it a sweet weekend for me". Leach got the second, Crauston the third, Priestlay the fourth and Hand the

In the Superleague Not-tingham Panthers crashed to a 7-3 home defeat against Cardiff Devils, all the goals coming in the first period. The sides had been tied at 3-3 when Panthers' Derek Laxdal was carried off with a back injury, complaining of having no feeling in his

legs. Yewchuck, Moria (his second), Noble and Matulik

Rugby League

Larder may have to play joker

Andy Wilson in Wellington

LTHOUGH Phil Larder. the Great Britain coach. insists that he still has an open mind about his team for Friday's first Test against erably less uncertainty over his selection than that sur rounding the composition of this country's coalition

Larder yesterday named a team for tomorrow's last warm-up game against a President's XIII, now to be played in Lower Hutt, half-an-hour's drive from Wellington, which includes only a handful of realistic Test contenders. Despite their sloppy perfor-mance in the 22-22 draw against a Lion Red Cup XIII last Thursday, the remaining 15 players will stay in Auckand with the assistant coach

Clive Griffiths to continue could safely be described as preparations for the Test. the most successful converted The Castleford half-back Tony Smith is almost certain to join them in the squad of 17. which leaves only one substitute's position up for grabs. The leading contenders are the young Sheffield centre Keith Senior, who made his debut in the record win in Fiji, the St Helens second-row forward Chris Joynt, aiming to prove his complete recovery from a knee opera-

tion just before the tour, and Workington's Welsh prop Workington's wesau prop Rowland Phillips. Phillips, something of a poet and team jester, is far more than that. Earning selection despite playing for Workington Town was an indication of the consistency of his performances last summer, and as the only true no reaction to the knee injury Weishman on the tour he he suffered against Lion Red.

They eventually took com

mand in the fourth, which they began with a 9-1 burst. Hemel's players have yet to live up to their reputations.

which some can blame on the club's lack of any pre-season games. But Ekwo Odaudu, a Nigerian International for-

ward, turned up out of shape and then injured his ham-

string, and Kelvin Robertson,

who blocks more shots than Peter Schmeichel. proved to be out of practice, about three inches shorter than adver-

tised and undersized for the

After a hideous 122-56 de-

eat at Sheffield 10 days ago

Razaq warned everybody that

they would be playing for their jobs the next day at

home to Leicester, but the coach was sacked before he

could get to the game. He was,

Dunning observed dryly, "the

power forward spot.

Union forward of the most recent crop. He played a couple of games in the Treorchy back row before the tour and will return to union in three weeks but says: "That is just a short-term thing. League is my first sport now and I am signed up for two more years with Workington." have signed for the South

Wales club next summer had their application for Super League status been accepted, but now his return to New Zealand eight years after touring with the Wales union team could be his international league swan song. The British squad had two

training sessions yesterday after being given Saturday off and Bobbie Goulding showed

The booker Keiron Cunning ham did not train, still suffering from a dead leg.

New Zealand have suffered a blow with an injury to Mark Horo, their most experienced forward, which could rule him out of the whole series. He will be replaced at loose forward on Friday by Canber-ra's Ruben Wiki — normally a centre but kept out of the current Kiwi team by Richie Blackmore and John Timu or Tyran Smith

The former Salford winger Jason Williams has dropped out of the side and will be replaced as captain by the scrum-half Aaron Whittaker.

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Basketball

Ragged Royals court disaster

THE decade has been diffi-

Robert Pryce

cult for the Hemel Royals. "It's been hell on earth," "It's been hell on earth," says their former coach Mike Dunning. And those upstarts at Buckingham Palace thought they had had it tough Dunning was sacked last

Saturday, after Hemel had suffered their sixth defeat in six games this season. Under Vince Razaq, the club's owner and a former London Towers forward, the Royals have extended their slump by two more losses. On Saturday, in the clash of the Bud League's bottom two, they went down 109-95 at home to the Wor-

thing Bears. Razaq must have had an in-kling that his luck was not about to turn when Worthing then clinched Cardiff's hit eight successive threepointers in the first quarter. easiest one to replace"

Sport in brief Squash

Cassie Jackman was blown

away in the women's World Open final yesterday in Ma-laysia, all her new-found fit-ness and court finesse counting for nothing against the Australian Sarah Fitz-Gerald The world No. 2 was in unstoppable mood, beating the 23-year-old from Norfolk 9-0, 9-3, 9-4 in 29 minutes --- the shortest World Open final on record. She took the opening game in a single hand from

her second service, hitting immaculate width. Jackman, so brave in taking the semi-final off Liz Irving from 4-8 in the fifth, trailed 0-3 in the second yesterday before she hit a winner.

Chess

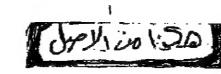
Anatoly Karpov, who has won record 140 tournaments. was beaten in the very first round at Tilburg this weekend. Hungary's Zoltan Al-masi, 20, caught out the Russian's favourite Caro-Kann with a new idea and won in 53 moves, writes Leonard

Earlier Karpov denied that he had agreed that his rival Garry Kasparov should be styled "world champion" and himself only "Fide world champion" in their unification match next year, "Ma-karov [head of the pro-Kasparov Russian federation) edited my words," he said.

Sailing

Britain's Chris Law rounded off his best week on the match-racing circuit for some time by taking the world champion Russell Courts to a fifth and deciding semi-final race in the Brut Gold Cup of Bermuda yesterday, writes Bob Fisher. That earned him a \$10,000

(£6,500) bonus for finishing third on points in the Grand Prix series behind the New Zealander and Australia's Peter Gilmour, who dismissed Markus Wieser of Germany in three straight races to set up a final with Coutts.



Soccer

Premiership: Manchester United 1, Liverpool 0

Ferguson escapes to Istanbul

Commentary

David Lacev

MONG English clubs only Liverpool have won the European Cup while retaining the league championship. They did so in 1977 and again in 1984. Now the feat is rather more demanding, as Manchester United have already

Without taking anything away from Liverpool's achievements, it is an inescapable fact that whereas once a team competing in the Champions Cup could concen-trate on domestic matters be-tween the second round in October and the quarter-finals in March, the Champions League allows less licence. For Manchester United it is

not so much a question of winning both as striking the right balance, so that if they are again frustrated in the Champions League the Pre-miership title will still be in sight. Alex Ferguson has set his heart on winning Europe's most prestigious club trophy, and Saturday morning's performance against Liverpool reflected the United manager's outlook.

Minor on their minds. On Wednesday they face Fener-bahce in Istanbul. If United take four points off the Turkish champions, who visit Old Trafford a fortnight later, they will be strongly placed to reach the last eight.

Hence Saturday's some-

what absent-minded display against Liverpool, which drove Manchester United's supporters to distraction in the second half after Beckham had given United the lead midway through the first. But for the excellence of May and Johnsen, an emergency centre-back partner-ship in the absence of the injured Pallister, Butt's extraordinary industry and Schmeichel's reliability, Liverpool might have won. Certainly they should not have been beaten for the first time this season, subsequently losing to Newcastle the Premier-ship lead they had held for a

Some feel that Liverpool are the side most likely to exploit an extension of Man-



A good morning at the office . . . Peter Schmeichel milks the applause after his match-winning performance for Manchester United on Saturday PHOTOGRAPH: MARK LEECH

support that view. Roy Ev-ans's team had an abundance of possession and passed and moved with flair and imagination. But they simply could not take their chances.

McManaman, Barnes, Thomas and Berger all missed opportunities in front of goal which a fit and in-form Fowler, badly missed on Sat-urday, or the Rush of old would have taken with scarcely a moment's thought. Well though Schmeichel and his centre-backs played, Livchester United's involvement in Europe beyond Christmas, yet this performance did not erpool's profligacy was ger central theme.

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equally responsible for the win that has moved Manchester United a point behind them and two points off the There is still something

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missing at Anfield; not so much the muscle that Smith or McMahon provided at vari-ous times but the mental hardness of a Souness or a Dalglish, either of whom would have cleaned up on Saturday. Barnes's feathery touches provided a leitmotif, but Liverpool needed a stron-

open," Ferguson observed, "May and Johnsen handled everything round about them very well." Evans did not agree: "Alex can say what he likes, but we created six or seven chances and if that is not penetration I don't know

Both managers were halfright. Berger did eventually appear behind May and Johnsen, Schmeichel saving each time, but before that Liver-pool had tended to fence at United's flanks without mak-

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"They don't really cut you | ing serious thrusts through | United will have to show | should have stayed on the pen," Ferguson observed, | the middle. | more powers of concentration | field after the 12th minute be-With Europe in mind, Ferguson asked his full-backs,

Gary Neville and Irwin, to push up on the wings to restrict Liverpool's normal attacking width. "I didn't want too many men at the back," he explained, "it was worth the risk and it worked well in the first half. But in ham, who drove the ball in off the second half we didn't have a post after it had come back

playing this way in Istanbul or less unemployed and the emains to be seen. Certainly question of whether or not he

than they did for the second half against Liverpool. Glggs, who has had an ankle injury was glimpsed only briefly towards the end. At times Cantona was a non-playing

captain.
At least the winning goal was expertly taken by Beckthe courage to carry it out to him following Mattee's inompletely." terception from Solskjaer.
Whether Ferguson intends Thereafter James was more

came academic.
James had charged beyond

Liverpool's penalty area to chest the ball clear before colliding with Solskjaer. With United still in possession, David Elleray waved play on and, clearly deciding James's challeng was least took no challenge was legal, took no action against the goalkeeper. "Someone will be sent off

next week for the same thing," Ferguson forecast. If so the referee will be as wrong as Elleray, on this oc-

Blackburn Rovers 0 Arsenal 2

Harford ready to walk away

Michael Walker

AY HARFORD has the face of a pessimist but the soul of an optimist. His public image sug-gests a charisma bypass yet his suits are sharp enough to cut more than mustard. And he seems reasonably calm while many in his position would be screaming "don't panic."

After this defeat, Blackburn's sixth in nine games, the security of Harford's position as manager quickly became top of the

surprisingly, the topic was not introduced by a scavenging media but by Harford himself. The Blackburn manager had just heard the loudest element yet at Ewood Park chant for his removal and, though he insisted it would not influence any imminent decision, he did admit that

"Twe been through that at Luton and I don't want to put my family through that again," he said, referring to the external pressure, the letters in the local paper, the abuse from supporters. But in his opinion all that is insignificant in compari-son to internal tension.

The latter, he revealed. had led him to offer a quasi-resignation to the Blackburn owner Jack Walker last season. "The worst time was around the Batty situation and the fight in Russia. Once or twice I had discussions with Jack and l said 'if it's right for you, I'll walk away'." He added that there has

been one similar meeting already in the struggle for a start to this season. "We had lunch after the fourth game [a 1-0 home defeat to Leeds] and again I said 'if it's right to you I'll walk

'I don't want to put pressure on the directors but if they would give me time I'm pretty sure we can get over it. But if the results don't give you time, then you've got to change a face."

To say, therefore, that Harford will be in charge for the next league game at **Ewood against Liverpool** would be rash. Yet to say the opposite would be equally so, for many are outraged by the shouts for Harford's head.

These are people aware of his contribution to the Blackburn revolution on and off the pitch. Harford readily accepts that further change is necessary and when he said "we still need a forward" it was a sentence doubtless repeated a thousand times on Satur-

of a potent striker - Sutton through Hyde, their defence never really got a kick all looked thoroughly rickety day — was made all the without the suspended more painful by Arsenal's Without the suspender more paint by Arsenars possession of a superb one. However annoyingly ostentatious and narcissistic lan through Wednesday's middle at will and Earle, Jones, who

preme goalscorer. control with well-taken goals.

Their distribution from mid-field was good; their angles of beautiful finish following exquisite footwork that be-lied any claims Marker had to be marking him. The second, six minutes after half-time, was equally clini-cal and followed incisive passing from Vieira and Merson. Wright latched on to the Frenchman's pass. sped by Croft and scored with slim-line economy.

Wimbledon 4, Sheffield Wednesday 2

Sullivan epitomises the spirit of Wimbledon

Neil Robinson

XTRAORDINARY eving their careers for years to come. So it is that Wimbledon's Neil Sullivan will always be known as the keeper on the receiving end of David Beckham's magnificent piece of opening-day impudence at Salbuset Beck.

The Wimbledon way of dealing with what could have of his opposite number, Kevin

keep replaying it endlessly hoofing the ball away but on and every time be saw the three minutes he was hope.

ball going into the back of the lessly caught out by a back-net it would be against him," pass on which he sought to said Joe Kinnear. show off his ball skills. Ekoku

On Saturday the goalkeeper ents set sportsmen in showed why his manager has bledon went one up. thousand to stone, sometimes shap such faith in him, pulling off Although Wednesday hit day night. two astonishing saves within five minutes as Wimbledon wobbled at 3-2. The first was Sullivan epitomises the

Selhurst Park.

When that wonder strike is acclaimed the goal of the season next May it is worth examining again the expression on Sullivan's face as the ball sails over his head, gently billowing the net. It was not one of anguish so much as absolute cold-eyed astonishment.

The Wimbledon way of the season o

been a seminal moment in his young life was to slap him on the back and congratulate him on his overnight fame. "I told him that television would pride in caressing rather than

was unimpressed and Wim-

back immediately through Booth and later scored again

had an excellent game, and Leonhardsen kept them in attack varied. The win was their sixth in succession, a club record in the top flight.

All of which left Wednes-day's manager David Pleat with much to mull over. Al-ready August, when his side registered four successive

First Division: Queens Park Rangers 2, Manchester City 2

Sinclair set for Leeds

Martin Thorpe

TEWART HOUSTON's front needs doing up. Houston will struggle to notch his first league win.

Surveying his new property when Trevor Sinclair moves for the first time, however, when the surveying his new property for the first time, however, the first time however however. to Leeds United for between £4 million and £5 million.

According to sources close to Leeds the two clubs were in talks all last week about the transfer-requesting England of quality and resolve, coming forward moving to Elland Road and a deal is due to be deserving more than a draw

On Saturday the player was gagged by Rangers from talking about anything other than

One game is insufficient for his wonder goal, a timely gem | Coppell to make an assess-

new home Houston's struc played around, and the man tural survey is complete. It in possession supported with shows the back wall needs intelligent runs and astute Seven minutes later an from the spot.

Steve Coppell must have been surprised and reassured to find a City team whose perfortied up before next weekend. after hitting the post twice,

to help Rangers recoup as ment of how close he is to giving City's impressively loyal fans the team they deserve.

After almost a month in his

strengthening, a couple of use of space, bodes well new load-bearing joints are What Rangers found required in midfield and the equally difficult to deal with

did not know which way to turn — or pass. Quashie was knocked off the ball too easily and regularly caught in pos-session, Murray and Graham lacked the experience and temperament to dictate. Ditto Slade and Sinclair up front. The ball kept coming back to City, allowing them to domi-nate for long periods.

Rangers went ahead against the run of play when McGol-drick's soft back-header equaliser, the Georgian ghostdrick's soft back-header forced Dibble out of his area to head well clear. But the ball fell to Sinclair, who lobbed the keeper brilliantly



Sinclair ... parting shot

other City mistake saw Wassall's poor pass release Impey into the area. He fed Murray and it was 2-0. Thirty seconds after that City pulled a goal back, Brightwell volleying home Lomas' cross.

Although City dominated after the break they could hit only the woodwork. It finally took a spot of magic from ing past Ready, chipping Som-mer and being denied a goal only by Impey's deliberate handball Impey was sent off and Kinkladze converted

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Briton leads all the way in Japan to claim F1 title

BRITISH bookmakers rate Damon Hill a 100-1 chance to retain the Formula One title he took in such masterly fashion yester-day, but nothing could cloud the massive sense of mission accomplished with which he left the Williams paddock here in Japan after what was surely both his last and his greatest grand-prix victory. The Briton assured himself

of a place in motor-sport his-tory alongside his late father Graham with a dominant per-formance that was as important for his personal prestige as a racing driver as it was in making him F1's first champion son of a champion father.

The race went like clock-work, like a full-distance test session really — an ordinary day but a perfect ending to one," he said afterwards.

Hill could hardly have improved on his display before the 37th lap when his teammate and only rival lacouses. mate and only rival Jacques Villeneuve had to retire, but thereafter his focus was su-

preme. "I got a message on the radio telling me Jacques was out." he said. "If I had reacted to that then I would have taken my mind off the ball. You have to try and concentrate on the race while realising you are world cham-pion. It is a matter of trying to

put it out of your mind." Now, discarded by Williams, Hill moves to the TWR Arrows Yamaha team at the age of 36 in an effort to build a new future from F1's second division. The Brazilian Pedro Diniz, who will be his No.2 there next year, had to leave vesterday's race in his Ligier after only 13 laps. Hill will take to TWR Ar-

rows a renewed self-beller after rediscovering the confi-dence and edge he had in the season's opening races. Here he produced the goods under maximum pressure, casting aside the increasingly erratic form of the previous four races that had enabled Villeneuve to mount his barnstorming challenge.

Although the Canadian qualified on pole position on Saturday, 0.4sec ahead of Hill, he made a poor start to com-

The end ... Damon Hill plete the opening lap in sixth place. Hill surged away in the lead, never to be headed even after becoming the first champion son of a hampion father

during his two routine re-fuelling stops throughout the fis-lap race.

Hill pressed on relentlessly after Villeneuve had spun off when a loose rear wheel came when a loose rear wheel came adrift, determined to depart Williams in style as a winner. "I never took the view that this championship was going to be a walkover," he said. "Right from the start I knew it was going to be close and I it was going to be close and I had to take as much of an advantage as I could before Jac-ques got up to speed and got

into the swing of things.
"But it could have gone the other way, Jacques could have been champion and I would have been feeling pretty sick. But I know Jacques is going to get another chance. He is still very young and quick. To be honest, it had to be this year for me and

I'm really, really delighted.

"Jacques was a match for
me by the end of the season
but my motivation was to keep ahead and win the cham-pionship. I had the added pressure of having to finish races, whereas he was coming from behind and could take more risks."

Hill's candid acknowledge ment that it was now or never for him in championship terms reflects an acceptance that the future will be an uphill struggle and that the F1 baton may have passed to a younger generation. Next year Michael Schu-

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Mickey was in the position of so many major stars, whose actual visibility on screen eventually comes to undermine their legendary status: to remain a god,

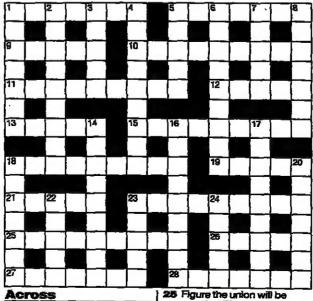
Jonathan Romney on the return of the Mouse

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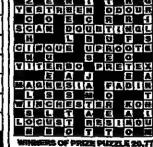


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